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Science Won't Fit in a Headline

# **Questions, Not Answers** From 'AIDS Virus' Test

by Brian Jones

The craft of journalism again tackled the science of medicine this weekend. The scene of the mugging was the front page of Sunday's *Examiner*. When it was over, science was thoroughly mauled. Journalism didn't look too good either. San Franciscans again faced a phenomenon with which they have become familiar during the AIDS epidemic: Headlines were making news.

There was, indeed, news. Two important studies told us things we didn't know about the blood of some Gay men. It told us that in a specially selective sample of Gay men who had been exposed to hepatitis B, a large share showed evidence of an antibody for a leukemia virus.

But what did it mean? No one knew — especially, not the scientists. And they were, after all, the ones closest to the facts.

It is difficult, at this stage, to talk about what did happen without first discarding what did not. At this stage, it is impossi-ble to discuss the story without first untangling the story about the story. So, first, here are some important things that did not

happen:

They did not confirm what causes AIDS. There is still no "AIDS virus," except at the Examiner copy desk. There are two viruses — or maybe they are the same virus — suspected of being the AIDS agent. Those viruses are Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus III (HTLV-III), discovered in the United States; and Leukemia-Associated Virus (LAV), a French discovery.

Two months ago, the U.S.

Two months ago, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Margaret Heckler, announced that scientists had discovered these viruses — or virus — and believed them to be "the AIDS agent." While politics has applauded Heckler, science still is not sure.

No one has yet successfully introduced the "suspected AIDS agent" into laboratory animals — monkeys — and induced AIDS from that process. According to the accepted proce-

A positive test does not necessarily mean you are infective, or will get AIDS.

Dr. Dean Eckenberg

dures of medical science, that is what it will take to confirm the verdict on HTLV-III and/or LAV as the "AIDS virus." Un-til — or unless — that happens, there is no "AIDS virus."

• So, logically, there is no "AIDS test." And there is no generally available test, either, for the suspected AIDS agent or agents. There are tests, available only under closely controlled be only under closely controlled conditions in federally approved research labs, to find HTLV-III and LAV in existing blood samples. But there is no plan yet to make such sampling generally available. And there would be no sense in doing so, until (unless?) HTLV-III and/or LAV are confirmed as the AIDS

• And, most importantly, there has been no "survey of blood products from San Fran-cisco Gay men, tested by the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, (which) documents the rapid spread of the suspected AIDS virus in the city." That's what it said in the Examiner in the second paragraph of the lead story on Sunday. But it is not true.

What there have been — and this is, indeed, news — are two similar studies, both involving local Gay men. The studies show a high incidence of the antibody to the HTLV-III virus — not a high incidence of the virus itself, which is a different thing entirely. thing entirely.

Samples collected in a study of hepatitis B for the Centers for of nepartis B for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta were frozen and saved. Today, the samples from 1978 show 1 percent of the Gay men studied had the antibody for HTLV-III. By 1982, that share had risen to 24 percent.

Dr. Jay Levy, a virus re-searcher at UC-San Francisco, has made similar findings in a



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Pictorial Parade. Oh, we know the parade's over. But we've got all these ots of beautiful people left over. Watch this space. (Photo: Rink)

Unitarians will sanction 'spiritual unions' of Lesbians and Gay

The Bar Chronicles, Part II - Mike Hippler . . . . . .

# Coors in Gay Bars? Maybe by Fall

The plan to promote Coors beer in Gay bars is delayed but not dead. The Tavern Guild of San Francisco will keep alive the promotional plan, but take no action approving it, until October. The Guild board of directors voted to table the plan, brought forward by its executive director, Jim Bonko, at a special meeting Tuesday morning.

The latest chapter in the long-The latest chapter in the long-simmering Coors affair opened Tuesday evening, June 19, when members of the Tavern Guild board met with a repre-sentative of Coors. The Coors people wanted back in the Gay bars. Promotion from the Tav-ern Guild — which represents most of the city's Gay bars — was seen as a way to achieve that was seen as a way to achieve that

California sales of the Rocky Mountain brew are off more than 10 percent in the face of boycotts mounted by several loosely connected groups. Per-haps the most publicized anti-



Jim Bonko (Photo: Rink)

In 'NY Times' Interview

# opp: 'Revulsion' at Gay Parade

Supe Confirms Quote; Gay Reaction Splits Along Party Lines

by George Mendenhall

"When people see these elements of the party on television (at the Democratic convention), they'll revolt and vote independent or Republican. The leadership of the Democratic Party is out of touch, catering to special-interest groups like the Gays. The people of this country are more traditional than the party thinks. They'll be shocked by the Gays. My constituency was absolutely astonished by the Gay Freedom Day Parade. A sizable number expressed revulsion."

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# Coors in Gay Bars? Maybe

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Coors effort in the Bay Area has been the Gay boycott launched in 1977 by the late Supervisor Harvey Milk. Milk teamed with labor activists to cork Coors, and Gays have worked closely with unionists since then to keep the boycott active

Little Coors flows in Gay Little Coors flows in Gay bars. The Tavern Guild drop-ped its formal participation in the Gay boycott two years ago, after the brewery flew local bar-trade officials and newspaper publishers to its Golden, Colo-rado, headquarters. The local leaders were wined, dined, and signed on as Coors boosters.

Some Coors began flowing in a few bars, and a few ads appeared in some of the local Gay papers. But the flow remained a trickle. On the public-image a trickle. On the public-imag front, Coors maintained th same image among Gay drink-ers in 1984 as Gallo wine did among Marin-type liberals in the late '70s. Coors was some-thing to discuss, not something to order.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE GUILD?

What was in the deal for the Tavern Guild? Not much up front, but the promise of big bucks later — if Coors profits in the Gay market warranted it. In fact, some of the opposition within the Guild came on the grounds that Coors wasn't offering enough money up-front to promote its beer.

At the June 19 meeting, the Coors offer was described as an initial \$12,000, with discussions to be held within three months to be held within three months on a "more substantial, long-term commitment." How to spend the money was discussed but not decided: ideas from a computer for the Tavern Guild office, to health insurance for bar employees, to support for People with AIDS were discussed.

Jim Bonko, executive director and the only paid staff member of the Tavern Guild, quietly lobbied for the Coors proposal in the week following the June 19 disuessions. Reportedly, his efforts met with lukewarm interest — a little encouragement here, a bit of discouragement there.

So it was with some surprise that members of the Tavern Guild were faced with voting on a formal proposal at the general membership meeting held June 19. Many in the guild did not expect to decide on the Coors offer so quickly. Opponents of fast action won a delay.

on Tuesday, June 26, the Coors offer made banner head-lines in the Examiner and, the next morning, in the Chronicle. Reaction from almost all Gay leaders was swift, strong, and negative (see related story). A feeling developed among Tayern feeling developed among Tavern Guild board members that the Coors trial balloon was catching

#### COORS MONEY WHO IT SUPPORTS

In terms of public relations, the Tavern Guild-Coors courtship couldn't have come at worse time. It came two mont after the defeat of AB-1. Many of those at the forefront of fighting AB-1 were the beneficiaries of Coors campaign cash—foremost among them, State Senator H.L. Richardson.

And as Jerry Falwell's "Family Forum" comes to San Fran-cisco, it does so with significant Coors backing. The Coors cor-poration and the Coors family, poration and the Coors family, a closely connected business dynasty, have long been supporters of a group which is sponsoring Falwell's forum.

In the case of AB-1 op-ponents, the Sacramento Bee daily newspaper two months ago details Coors' contributions to

those opposing the Gay-rights law. The *Bee* said that the Coors company and its California distributors contributed more than \$22,000 over four years to State Senate members who opposed AB-1, or to Senator H.L. posed AB-1, or to Senator H.L. Richardson's conservative lob-by, "the Free Market Political Committee," which in turn sup-ported lawmakers who opposed

Coors made direct contribu-Coors made direct contribu-tions to the campaigns of State Senators John Doolittle, Oliver Speraw, Daniel Boatwright, and Ray Johnson; and Assem-bly members Doris Allen, Wal-ly Herger, Ernest Konnyu, William Baker, and Nolan Friz-zelle

zelle.
Through Senator Richardson's "Free Market" committee, contributions were made to John Lewis, Alister McAlister, Tom McClintock, Frank Hill, Bill Jones, and Ed Royce, as well as to Richardson himself. Richardson is the senator who urged the governor to veto AB-1, or else see Gay rights spread AIDS. "It makes little sense to play Russian roulette with the lives of our citizens because so much is uncitizens because so much is un-known about this terrible dis-Richardson wrote in a letter urging the governor to veto.

## THE FALWELL CONNECTION

As Jerry Falwell comes to town (if indeed he is doing so), it is with substantial Coors sup-port. Documents on file with the U.S. Federal Elections Commission show that the Coors com-pany and several individual members of the Coors family have donated tens of thousands of dollars annually to the "Com-mittee for Survival of a Free Congress.

The committee is the parent organization — sharing the same telephone — as the "Free Congress Foundation." The foundation is co-sponsoring the "Family Forum," along with "Family Forum," along Falwell's Moral Majority.

It was the support of the

Moral Majority and similar "New Right" groups in the late 70s which prompted the Gay boycott against Coors. There long had been labor agitation against Coors, the nation's fifthlargest brewer. Among union complaints were lie-detector tests for job applicants; one of the questions sought to identify Gays and Lesbians. That question has been removed, but the lie-detector tests for job ap-plicants remain — a practice against the law in many states.

Labor and Gays got together in San Francisco in 1977, when the Coors unions were on strike in Colorado. Since then, labor unions and Gay leaders locally have worked closely on the boy-

Coors has fought back actively. It filed a "conspiracy in re-straint of trade" lawsuit against Gay and labor activist Howard Wallace for his role in the boy-cott. It was the first time in American law that a national corporation sued an individual alleging violation of anti-trust laws. A federal judge tossed out the suit in February, calling it "far fetched."

As part of its case against As part of its case against Wallace, Coors sought the mailing list of the Gay-affiliated, pro-labor group Solidarity. That move, too, was blocked by the

Coors is appealing the ruling at the U.S. Court of Appeals. Such appeals are expensive — and Coors' spending on legal challenges to the Gay boycott have certainly run to several times the amount of its initial offer to the Tavern Guild.

But both amounts likely are vastly overshadowed by the profit to be made from the Gay market, should Coors again win market, should Coors agam van favor with Gay tipplers. That was the potential payoff waiting in the wings as Coors retired from the scene, at least for the moment — to revisit its legal battle, and public-relations courtship with Gays at a later date.

# No New Test for 'AIDS Virus'

(Continued from page 1) study of 300 blood samples from Gay men in San Francisco. He was quoted as saying the antibody to HTLV-III is "prevalent" in the sample. But what does that mean?

### HEPATITIS MODEL

"We don't know yet what this test means," said Dr. Dean Eckenberg, head of the bureau of communicable disease for the city's Department of Health. Said Dr. Herbert Perkins, scientific director of the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, "We don't know if this is good news or bad news."

To understand the basic ques tion involved requires a trip back through high school biol-ogy. When a virus enters the body, it is attacked by the body's immune system. The footimmune system. The foot-soldiers doing the fighting are called antibodies. In almost all diseases in almost all cases, the antibodies rout the invader virus sooner or later. Sometimes the patient is ill for a while. Some-times, the whole battle takes place without the person in-volved ever knowing it.

Either way, the antibodies remain after the virus retreats. Like a standing army in peace-time, the antibodies remain on guard for the next invasion whether it comes or not.

It is such antibodies, in this case responding to HTLV-III, which have been found in a large share of the sample groups. Restated, many — perhaps most — of the Gay men whose blood

was tested showed antibodies to HTLV-III. What does this mean? It means that a large share of the men in the sample group have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus at some time.

It does not mean that the HTLV-III virus is still present. As a matter of fact, it is most likely that most of those with the antibody no longer harbor the HTLV-III virus. But no one is

"In this disease process, if it is anything like hepatitis, there is no cause for extreme concern or panic at this time," Dr. Eckenberg said. The hepatitis-B model has been widely used in the investigation of AIDS; a cur-rent hypothesis is that AIDS and hepatitis are likely to have similar "profiles."

Eckenberg pointed to results of a massive hepatitis-B study among Gay men in San Francisco in 1979 and 1980. (It is blood samples from this test that are now being used in the AIDS research.) In that study of more than 6,000 sexually active Gaymen, 77 percent showed antibodies in their blood for hepa-

But only 7 percent of that study group had the "surface antigen" — in lay terms, the virus — for hepatitis-B. And only 2 percent of that 6,000-plus study group had gone on to develop the disease and show clinical symptoms.

"The test we're talking about here is for the antibody of the alleged AIDS virus," Ecken-

berg said. "It tells you, essentially, whether you have ever been exposed to the virus. In the face of a positive test, it does not necessarily mean you are infective, or will get AIDS. It simply says you had the virus at one time. We simply don't know more than that with this specific test."

Said the blood bank's Perkins, "I think what we're going to see is that AIDS is much more widespread, and the problem isn't with the disease, it is with the way they have defined the

"What we are likely to see is a profile in which only a few of those exposed to the disease ac-tually get the disease," Perkins

### WHAT NEXT?

The switchboard at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank was overloaded with calls this week from worried Gay men. Having read Sunday's headline, they wanted "the new test for AIDS."

But there was no new test. The only testing available presently is being done in federally sponsored research labs under tightly controlled conditions tightly controlled conditions. Those in the blood industry estimate it will be at least four months before a test for HTLV-III can be generally available.

Even when the test can be of-fered, should it be offered? The relationship between HTLV-III and AIDS, once again, is not clear. What would the test tell us that we do not already know? Since any possible vaccine for the HTLV-III virus is at least

two years away, what would those tested positive for the anti-body do in the meantime? And is having the antibody a good thing, or a bad thing?

Is it better to have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus and remained in health? What share of those exposed may get

All those most basic - and All those most basic — and frightening — questions remained unanswered this week. And the answers would be slow in coming — as slow as the painstaking process of scientific inquiry. The pace can't be quickened without sacrificing the quality of the research.

"Since we don't know what this test means, people have to decide for themselves — what would you do differently? How would you change your lifestyle? If people are acting more cautiously, and we hope and we think that they are, then knowing that you have the antibody, or don't have the antibody, shouldn't make you any more careful than you are now," said Eckenberg. "Since we don't know what

So, in everyday terms, we so, in everyday terms, we knew no more last week than we did the week before. Science found one more piece of a large and complicated puzzle, and that was news. But most of the puzzle remains blank. In the middle of such a mystery, the average Gay man knew what he already knew:

1) Avoid the exchange of body fluids.

2) Don't believe everything you read in the paper.

B. Jones

# Pols: Coors Offer 'A Crude Bribe'

Brewery Ripped by Laborites, Gays, Blacks & Latinos

by Dion B. Sanders

The decision by the San Francisco Tavern Guild to delay action on the Adolph Coors Company's offer to promote its beer came in the face of widespread opposition from Gays and non-Gays alike.

Organizations ranging from the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance to the NAACP attacked the Colorado-based brewery for what they said was "an attempt to buy off opposition to their discriminatory employment practices and their contributions to right-wing causes," according to Gay labor activist Howard Wallace. tial campaign contributions" to 16 members of the California Legislature — particularly State Senator H. L. Richardson (R-

Arcadia) and Assembly member Alister McAllister (D-Fremont) — who led the drive to defeat AB-1, the state Gay employment rights bill vetoed by Gov. Deukmejian.

"We are happy that the Tavern Guild is raising money to carry out positive programs in the community," the three club presidents wrote, "but the money should come from clean hands and should not undermine our struggle for civil rights."

A letter of opposition was also sent by Wallace, Northern Cali-fornia coordinator of the AFL-CIO Coors Boycott Committee. Wallace, who is a defendant in a lawsuit by Coors charging the

committee with anti-trust viola-tions, also called the Coors of-fer to the Guild "bribe money,"

The presidents of all three Gay Democratic clubs issued a joint letter to the Guild last Friday urging them not to accept Coors' offer.

Coors' ofter.

In the letter, Toklas Club President Sal Rosselli, Milk Club President Carole Migden and Stonewall Club President Paul Boneberg called the Coors offer "a crude bribe" aimed at "destroying the long-standing boycott of Coors products in our community."

The letter reminded the Guild

The letter reminded the Guild that Joseph Coors, president of the brewery, is the founder and chief financial backer of the Committee for Survival of a Free Congress — one of two main sponsors of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's upcoming "Family Forum III," to take place in San Francisco next week. Francisco next week

The letter also pointed out that Coors Company stock-holders — including the Coors family itself — made "substan-

BLACK, LATINO BOYCOTTS In addition to the six-year-old Gay boycott of Coors, the NAA-CP and several Latino organiza-

and added that had the Guild accepted the offer, "They'd be insulting the Gay community, the Black community, the Latino community and everyone else who believes in fairness and justice."

CP, told the Bay Area Reporter that the Coors offer "is part of a strategy by the Coors company to hold out money to struggling groups to entice them to become groups to entice them to become promoters of Coors products, in-stead of directly dealing with the issue of their discriminatory em-ployment practices and their support of groups that are an-tithetical to the cause of civil rights.

Canson noted that Coors had



on activist Howard Wallace, long a target of Coors Coors' Target. Gay un legal fire. (Photo: Rink)

tions have also launched boycotts against the brewery in the wake of comments made last the wake of comments made last April by Board Chairman William Coors to a group of minority business owners in Denver. Coors said that Blacks "lacked intellectual capacity" and that "the best thing that they (slave traders) did was to bring your ancestors here in chains."

Virna Canson, west coast regional director for the NAA-offered money to the Bay Area Black United Fund for the

fund's programs

Although the boycott is in effect only in California and Colorado, the Bay Area Reporter learned at press time that a resolution was to be introduced at the NAACP's national convention in Kansas City to apply the boycott nationwide.

Earlier, two Latino groups returned a \$3,500 donation by Coors for the annual Cinco de Mayo parade. The San Francisco Latino Democratic Club attacked the donation, calling it "an attempt to sell out our digni-

ty and our self-respect," in the words of Manuel Laurez. "Coors brews racism — that leaves a bad taste."

### PR PROBLEM FOR GUILD

The Coors offer to the Tavern Guild posed a public relations problem for the Guild itself, as it is the target of a two-year-old campaign by Black and White Men Together to address complaints that its member bars are discriminating against non-White Gays in employment.

Stewart Guillespie, co-chair of BWMT's San Francisco chapter, told the Bay Area Reporter that "I don't feel comfortable with the thought of the fortable with the thought of the Tavern Guild accepting money from Coors, because by offering this money, Coors is patronizing the Gay community in a deroga-tory way, just as paternalistic Whites used to patronize the Black community in the early sixties.

"We are not children to be patronized by a 'Great Corpo-rate Father,'" Guillespie continued.

Tom Horan, the other co-chair, said he could not see any reason for the Guild to accept Coors' offer, "other than greed."

"Coors has a longstanding "Coors has a longstanding record of using their profits to victimize the people from whom they earn their profits," Horan said, adding that the Guild would be "committing a serious error in judgement" by accept-ing the brewery's offer.

BWMT members, meeting last Thursday night at All Saint's Church, talked openly of throwing up picket lines at Guild-member bars if the Guild had accepted the Coors money, but no definitive decision was

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Organizers of the national march. (Photo: Rink)

# Leaders Plead for Nonviolence

Coalition of Most Churches Joins Gays in Appeal

by Allen White

Flanked by a group of persons representing 73 San Francisco organizations, the Rev. Cecil Williams issued a strong statement advocating nonviolence during the period of the Democratic National Convention and Jerry Falwell's "Family Forum." The stand was made at a press conference last Thursday morning in front of the convention site, Moscone Center. Fourteen of the groups have their foundations in the Lesbian and Gay community.

Williams, pastor of Glide Methodist Church, said, "Unequivocally and in very clear terms we say that we will not succumb to acts of violence which demean, dehumanize, and destroy ourselves as well as other human beings.

"We view our task as proclaiming that we who live in the City and County of San Francisco are dedicated to respecting the lives and dignity of other human beings, both those who live among us and those who visit our city."

Speaking for this large coalition, he said, "To any provocateurs or those who pursue violence through either planned or spontaneous activity, we must go on record as saying there are those of us who will meet them with the love force of nonviolence." He further said, "We are here to create community and will not engage in any action that would support the destructive process of violence."

With the thousands expected to participate in rallies, marches, and demonstrations surrounding the convention, there is considerable effort being made by community leaders to dramatize the importance of a nonviolent status. Gay leaders joined together with such diversified organizations as the San Francisco Nuclear Freeze, the NAACP, the Urban League, and the San Francisco Labor Council at Moscone Center to emphasize how violence could become a tool of such groups as the Ku Klux Klan and the Moral Majority — as well as the Republican Party.

Speaking for a group of concerned Gay Christians and Jews, David Hummel said, "We are concerned because history has taught us that such attempts to narrowly define the 'family also the rage that could be directed toward the participants of groups such as Jerry Falwell's 'Family Forum.'"

Hummel concluded, "We must not allow the hate-filled hearts of Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority to destroy a history of nonviolence in just a few days."

Though there is considerable speculation whether Falwell's "Family Forum" will actually take place, plans continue to be made by protesters and law enforcement officials for any eventuality. Should the Moral Majority conference happen, the Holiday Inn at Sutter and Powell Streets will become a virtual armed fortress with security stationed throughout the area to protect the hotel property, as well as the hotel guests, who may become caught in the crossfire of any hostility.

The Rev. James Sandmire, pastor of the Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, acknowledged "the oppressive suffering caused by unreasonable bigotry and violent hatred."

"We pledge," the Gay church leader said, "that we shall never be a part of such oppression and we look forward to July as a time when the special spirit of the City of St. Francis will overcome any expressions of intolerance toward anyone."

Also joining in this coalition committed to nonviolence were the presidents of the three major Gay Democratic clubs, Carole Migden of the Harvey Milk club; Sal Rosselli of the Alice B. Toklas club; and Paul Boneberg of Stonewall, a cochair of the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Brian Jones

**Atlas Manager Fired** 

For Improper Loans

Vance Holley, vice president and manager of the main branch of Atlas Savings and Loan at Duboce and Market Streets, was fired last week. Bank officers learned that Holley improperly arranged bank credit for his personal gain.

Harlan MowBray, president of the bank, said Atlas would not disclose the amount of credit exposure involved, but that it "was not great . . . and some of the stories that have hit the street are quite exaggerated."

The discovery that Holley had extended bank credit to himself without following normal banking procedures prompted an inhouse inquiry. That, in turn, led to a special meeting of the bank's board of directors last week.

After hearing the results of the internal inquiry, the directors voted to fire Holley.



The Rev. Cecil Williams (Photo:

unit' as defined by the Moral Majority have created societies rampant with injustice, prejudice, and violence. We are concerned not only about the hatred that will be directed against us as Gay and Lesbian people, but

# 100,000 Expected for National March

Goal is to Impress Media, Demos With Gay Agenda

Day Before Convention

by Allen White

What may become the most visible march in the history of the Gay and Lesbian movement is set to begin a week from Sunday at Castro and Market Streets. The National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights will begin at 2 p.m. on July 15.

Lesbian and Gay Rights will begin at 2 p.m. on July 15.

The march will be led by the openly Gay men and Lesbians who hold elected public office across the United States, and by the Lesbian and Gay delegates to the 1984 Democratic National Convention. The remainder of the march will be organized roughly by either geographic region or by specific demand. Contingents are being encouraged to carry their own banners to show the diversity of the Gay and Lesbian community.

The National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights begins the day before the Democratic Convention and organizers empahsize this is a hard-ball political statement. There will be more than 20,000 news reporters in San Francisco and signals sent from this event will be seen and heard around the world.

world.

Organizers are hoping that the political effect of participation by Gay men and Lesbians will have a significant effect on the direction of the Democratic Convention. Unlike the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration, which has a broad and more protracted cultural and political impact, this march has a definite and immediate cause and effect.

How the media view Gay and

How the media view Gay and Lesbian issues will be shaped by the commitment of people to participate in this march. March organizers note that in 1980, Lesbian and Gay delegates succeeded in nominating a Gay man, Melvin Boozer, for Vice-President. Boozer's nomination, it was noted, was not covered by any of the national television networks.

Organizers point, in contrast, to the two homophobic hit pieces aired by CBS directed at the San Francisco Gay community: "60 Minutes" in 1983 and "Gay Power, Gay Politics" in 1979, which was later censured by the National News Council.

National News Council.

Another purpose of the march is to define the issues of the Lesbian and Gay community through its chosen spokespeople. "The issue of our oppression is not even being discussed in a significant way in this country," said Paul Boneberg, a co-chair of the march. The march makes demands for freedom for Gay men and Lesbians across the United States.

United States.

The rally, the largest to be held in San Francisco during this period, will take place in the huge parking lot directly in front of Moscone Center. Because of logistical problems, no other rally will have the full block for a rally. \$7,500 is now being raised just to cover the cost of a sound system which is needed. The City and County of San Francisco earlier had promised to loan its mass-broadcast sound system to march organizers, but reneged on that commitment just 10 days ago — leaving the march committee without a way to communicate to its crowd.

The tens of thousands participating in the march will be lined up beginning at noon back from Market on Castro to 19th Street. The lineup will flow back to Dolores Park, the park in front of Mission High School.

The official two-mile march begins at Castro and Market and then proceeds down Market to Fourth Street. The line of march will then proceed down Fourth to the rally site which is the block bounded by Mission, Howard, Third, and Fourth Streets.

Organizers are giving their attention to hundreds of details, ranging from a trained monitor team of more than 200 monitors to portable toilets.

March organizers have been continually receiving contacts from across the United States from people who will be arriving in San Francisco to participate in the event. Coupled with that has been the financial contribution, and letters from people who cannot afford to come to San Francisco but who have stated they hope Gays in San Francisco will march in their place.

The published goal has been 100,000 marchers. That number, while awesome, is still less than the total number of Gaymen and Lesbians living just in the city of San Francisco.

On the eve of the California primary, telegrams were sent to the three major presidential candidates to participate in the march. As the Bay Area Reporter goes to press, there has still been silence from all three candidates. March co-chair Paul Boneberg said, "It's the same response we have always gotten." To force that recognition is one of the primary issues of the march.

# Golden Gate MCC Appoints Ass't Pastor

The Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church has appointed the Rev. Robert E. Pierce as Assistant Pastor. There will be a Liturgy of Installation Sunday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.
Pierce, 30, was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended our Lady of Providence Seminary in Providence, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, and Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Rev. Pierce, a former Brother in the Sacred Hearts Congregation, joined MCC in 1980 in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was stationed as a Religious.

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tioned as a Keligious.

Upon moving to San Francisco, he joined Golden Gate MCC, which is one of over 200 local churches in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. He became a student Clergy-intern in 1982 and was recently licensed as a clergyperson at the Spring Conference of the denomination's Northwest District.

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# EWPOINT

### The Televangelist

The Rev. Jerry Falwell is slicker than oleomargarine in a

It would be possible to dismiss him as just another snake-oil peddler — if he weren't so powerful. But he is powerful. Three years ago, Falwell turned back an act of Congress because it was friendly to Gay people.

At issue then were new sex laws in the District of Columbia. The District Council had modified its codes on rape and sodomy. The council made rape easier to prosecute, and legalized sodomy. Falwell saw his opportunity and he jumped.

Since Congress has power to review the District's laws, the stage was set for a national battle on Gay rights. Falwell made it a test of strength. Falwell threatened, blustered, and generated tens of thousands of pieces of mail. And Falwell won. The new sex laws were repealed. It remains against the law to commit "sodomy" in the nation's capital.

So Gay people are incensed by Falwell. Because we feel threatened by him, we have the urge to lash out at him. This dynamic is apparent now, as Brother Jerry's Traveling Road Show rolls into town. He is staging a "Family Conference" beginning Thursday, July 12. Many in our community have called for protest.

We had best pause a moment and think this out. We had best remember that Brother Jerry is a clever man.

What is the nature of Falwell's power? From where does it spring? Seven years ago in Dade County, Florida, few took it spring? Seven years ago in Dade County, Florida, few took notice of the preacher who often took second-billing to Anita Bryant. The preacher was Jerry Falwell. When the Dade County Gay rights ordinance was rejected by voters more than 2 to 1, Falwell knew he had a live issue.

He also had a live wire: Television. That flickering tube is the core of Falwell's power. It began when Falwell decided to broadcast the Sunday services of his Lynchburg Baptist Church, It grew as he amassed an audience of millions. Falwell brought the age of televangelism — pioneered by Pat Robertson — to new levels of smooth sophistication.

And shortly after the Dade County referendum, Falwell tossed a new card on the table: organized religion organizing for politics. He called his religious lobby The Moral Majority. It was a new force in American politics.

It was a new force in American politics.

It was also a media event. Falwell, experienced from his years as a religious broadcaster, played brilliantly to the TV news minicams. Everywhere he went, there was the most precious of commodities for the TV newshounds: Action! Live! No matter where Falwell went, he engendered protest. Marching, chanting, sign-waving. Great visuals. Great voice-overs. Great theater. And real emotion: Anger! The stuff of which television news is made: simple, direct conflict which can be totally explained in one minute, seven seconds.

The protesters, without meaning to played right into the

The protesters, without meaning to, played right into the hands of the preacher. Jerry Falwell's road show simply wouldn't work without demonstrators as props. Jerry Falwell makes news, in part, because we help him make news. Falwell's schtick depends on an us-vs.-them dynamic. Remove our part, and there isn't much conflict. Remove the conflict, and there isn't much of a story. TV news is, after all, only drama with real events as props. Falwell knows that. Do we?

It would be great if, this time, we didn't follow Jerry's script, It would be marvelous if he and his goons came into town, and no voices were raised in Union Square — if everybody just stayed home and ate popcorn.

Imagine it. Just what would they say on the evening news? Brian Jones Towels and Coat Hangers

 $\star~I$  found this speech Mondale gave about the dangers of making abortion illegal could also apply to making bathhouse sex illegal. He said, and I added:

"Making abortion (bathhouse ext) illegal would, we know, not stop women (men) from having abortions (sex). Rather, they would, as many once did, resort to unsafe and illegal procedures which often threaten their health and lives. These laws make criminals of common citizens and sympathetic physicians."

### Finally! No Rip-off!

\* I've attended many of the "mega-parties" held at the Galleria, Brooks Hall, and elsewhere. I usually came away with the feeling that I'd been had: featured performers who only sang one song, usually so late in the evening that anyone working the next day would miss them entirely; mile-long lines at the bar; discour-teous staff. All this for \$2.5, \$3.5, or whatever. But this time I have to say that I was really impressed.

time I have to say that I was really impressed.

The Saturday night, Sunday evening, two-event ticket at the Giftcenter party was one of the best entertainment investments I've ever made. A great show (not just one song) at both events, presented at a reasonable hour. Courteous staff, easy access to the admittedly expensive bar, no long lines at the restrooms, and even the ashtrays were many and easy to find. This event had all the details that make for a truly memorable event. And both events for \$251

The producers of the Giftcenter party should be congratulated. Finally, an entertainment value well worth the bucks. Please, sirs, can we have more?

Barry Cardoza San Francisco

### Mr. and Miss Gay

\* Love and communication and respect are the things that all of us are striving for. The many people who live, work, and play in the Tenderloin have the same needs as those of the Polk and Castro and South of

My Gay friends, there are no boundaries; there tould be no separation by streets and areas. Because e are one!

The amount of people who came out to vote in the recent Mr. & Miss Gay S.F. election has proven to me the community is interested in having qualified candidates representing them and were willing to go out and support the candidate of their choice.

I want to thank all the wonderful merchants who have given of their time and services to support the various causes. I know they have been called on time and time again to give of themselves for AIDS, KS, and Ward 5B, not to mention senior citizens and all the other causes throughout the city.

My personal thanks to all who helped to make the auction and raffle in memory of Tom Rogers a success. In closing, I would like to say that in all the upcoming elections, I cannot emphasize enough that your vote does count, for the candidate of your choice, no matter how popular they may seem to be.

San Francisco

### AIDS and Girth

The June 7 letter from Christopher Bennedict "Shilts' Debut") was simply mean, vindictive, gutter-("Shilts' Debut") was simply mean, vindictive, gutter-level, irrelevant bitching. Randy Shilts' appearance is no closer to the AIDS issue than Harry Britt's waist-

### Violence and Its Result #2

\* On Friday, June 22, at about 7 p.m., I was attacked by two men who had just gotten off a motorcycle at the corner of 18th Street and Collingwood. I was the second Gay man attacked by these two self-proclaimed non-Gays. I was kicked and knocked to the ground by one of the men while the other yelled, "Fag," and spit

As I picked myself up off the ground the man tried to kick me again. I was able to overpower him and a struggle ensued. As we (the two attackers, the victim of the first attack, and myself) fought to the ground, the Gays obviously in command, a crowd of people gathered.

We were separated by the crowd and the attackers were freed to flee while people in the crowd yelled at me and taunted me for hitting the man who perpetrated the attack in the first place! Didn't they see him kick me, yelling "Fag, you like to take it up the ass"? Didn't they see the first attack?

When someone yelled that the police were on their way. I fled. I felt no support from my Gay brothers and sisters present. I thought that I, the victim, would be fingered for arrest by the crowd when the police arrived. I had no intention of spending Gay Pride weekend in the slammer!

The only lesson I can draw from this experience is that, when fighting homophobia, watch behind for Gay self-righteousness! I find that more fearsome.!

Please do not publish my name in your paper. I am afraid of further harassment by the men who attacked me in the first place.

Name Withheld San Francisco

ED. NOTE: It sounds like nobody was injured, and that's the most important thing. What if the attack had turned out differently? What if the attackers, not you, had won the upper hand? What if no crowd had come running? The possible consequences are frightening.

sequences are frightening.
There is a disturbing trend to these letters about violence. They seem to give the message that individual Gay men, if only they are tough enough, can handle those nasty old straight thugs with no help from the hand-wringing nannies of the Gay community. That's nonsense, Dangerous nonsense. Possibly, deadly nonsense.

Thank God you're okay and this letter didn't come from a hospital ward.

### Film Fest Fan

\* We are indebted to Michael Lumpkin and his dedi-\* We are indebted to Michael Lumpkin and his dedicated staff of 20 for a challenging and efficiently run Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. The 23 full-length films and numerous short-subjects were mixed in quality but that did not bother me. That is part of the excitement — the risk you take with any such effort.

The fact that we could not have seen these films — many from foreign countries — if it had not been for the Frameline group should not be overlooked. The logistics alone of bringing the films here, advertising the festival, and bringing it off must have been an enormous undertaking.

A job well done. We should be proud that we have such a festival — and Frameline should be proud.

George Mendenhall San Francisco



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On the National March

#### National March Open to All

\* One letter in the June 21 issue of the Bay Area Reporter made false allegations that organizers of the National March for Lesbian & Gay Rights had somehow excluded Jose Sarria, a respected pioneer of Gay Liberation. The writer went on to unjustly accuse Howard Wallace of excluding the Sisters, and of invoking some sort of anti-drag exclusion policy. The writer's notivation remains a paranoid mystery.

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As one march volunteer, I can assure readers that
this crazy accusation is simply absurd. My experience
with the organization of this march is that the process
is quite open to all members of our community and is
thoroughly democratic. The march is a very important
expression of our movement for civil righjts and full
equality. As such, it deserves our support, just as the
hard-working organizers merit our respect and our help.
During these final weeks prior to the parch on July

During these final weeks prior to the march on July 15, we should all lend a hand to make our march a success. Anyone wishing to volunteer can call 863-5005, or simply visit us at 2301 Market (at Noe). You will find a warm welcome and genuine appreciation for any help you care to offer.

Bill Paul San Francisco

#### Skinheads, Not Airheads

★ The only thing that is more repulsive than the fascist ideologies of the Ku Klux Klan are the fascist ideologies out of the crooked mouths of "self-appointed Gay leaders."

If I am to listen to the rambling explicatives from the stages of the Parade or the streets of the National March, let those voices be heard from the mouths of drag queens and leather men, from the punks to the Sisters or all of those who are categorized by our cur-rent zero-brained zealots as the "less acceptable ele-ments of the community."

ments of the community."

How much longer are we to be bondaged and bored by the K-K-Kloneheads and the M-M-Macy's Matrons? How much longer must we be exposed to airhead politicos who bury our past, gloss over our dubious present and exchange it for their chrome and glass high-tech monochromatic philosophies for the future?

It's time for the skinheads to replace the airheads. It's time for the skinheads to replace the airheads. For drags to replace Democrats, reggae to replace Gay Republicans and Perpetual Indulgence to replace perpetual self-indulgence. Yes, we need a march. Yes, we need a parade. But let it be led by the disenfranchised rather than the Alices, the Stonewalls, the Milks, or countless other polyester political parties who are all too eager to drag us all back into the suffocating closets of sameness.

Randy Schell San Francisco

### An "Acceptable" Rally

\* Like Larry Trend (Letters, June 21) I am disgusted that both Jose Sarria and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have been arbitrarily excluded from the Gay community rally at the Democratic convention. (Trend, in his long, articulate letter, explained how valuable they've been to our community.)

they 've been to our community.]

This fearful desire to have our community appear
"respectable" (if not middle class) is asinine. Aside from
the unethical surgery done to our past, such action
presumes that only if we appear "acceptable" will we
be effective. Bullshit! Until the powers that be are made
to understand that we are everywhere as sexual individuals will any of our small gains work for our fuller
integration into the larger society.

As one who contributed \$25 to that march and rally, I ask Howard Wallace et al to reonsider their myopic decision based on the prejudice that there are "less acceptable elements of the community." The last I heard this was a democracy, and the last time I looked around all of us were human beings.

John D. Dolan

On the Parade

### The Gay Outcasts?

★ In your June 21 issue, Brian Jones wrote a beautiful column on Gay Pride. On Sunday, June 24, that pride was manifested in a day-long celebration honoring Gay Liberation and the 15th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots in New York.

Nothing is perfect, as there always seems to be a dark cloud that manifests itself. A beautiful queen was asked to be one of those carrying the banner for the S.F. Eagle in the parade. Righfully proud, she obtained the appropriate leather drag and prepared for the big event. The night before, one of the owners of the Eagle contacted her and stated that her presence was no longer desired as a standard bearer.

Since this queen was not an outrageous parody but a real person living her life her way 24 hours a day, one can easily surmise why she was "asked" not to participate. It is hard to believe that a Gay bar would withdraw an invite unless it was pressured by parade higher-ups who are seeking some sort of "respectability" or approval from the wonderful "straight" world.

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All subcultures, no matter how oppressed, must have their outcasts. The transvestite and transsexual (TV/TS) people, it appears, fulfill that function in the Gay world, especially in San Francisco. Of course, "real" Gay men in fem attire, who are only pretending, are accepted. This could be called "The La Cage aux Folles Syndrome." Isn't it humorous that the "men" of the Gay Liberation Movement scream, yell, and shriek to the world demanding their rights but deny those same rights to their own kind who also wear drag, but not the right kind of drag — namely levis, leather, or designer clothes.

lan' it interesting that it was the drag queens who led the fight at Stonewall and isn't it even more interesting that this queen who was asked not to participate, along with her "sister," was part and parcel of the Stonewall riots in 1969 and was arrested? Other movements honor their martyrs and frontrunners; the Gay movement ostracizes them in reality because of their "lack of social acceptability."

Gay men have opened their closet doors and are proud to have done so, but it appears that these same men and their leaders would like nothing better than to shove the TV/TS people back into theirs and throw

Billy Goldberg San Francisco

#### Strike Up the Band

\* Hats off to the San Francisco Marching Band. I thought they were the best they have ever been. Groups like that really help make a person proud to be Gay.

Sharon West Bay Area Native Gay (BANG)

#### **Another Band Fan**

\* One of the biggest crowd pleasers of this year's parade was our Gay marching band. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if next year the parade committee saw fit to let this wonderful group lead the parade?

saw fit to let this wonderful group lead the parade?

Dykes on Bikes have their place and are certainly
a part of the Gay and Lesbian community, but why
do they always lead the parade? Perhaps the time has
come to find them another spot in the parade.

I am sure others agree that the parade should start
on an upbeat note that lets the crowd know we are

celebrating our Gayness. I wish they would speak up.

Hank Johnson

### The Good (?) Old Days

\* Ah yes. This year's Gay Pride Day parade and fair celebration was fine, but it just didn't have the spark of the (ahem) good old days. I remember when the fair used to be held in Golden Gate Park. By the time 2 p.m. came along, it was a major endurance test to prove you were more "liberated" by sticking it out through the chilling fog than the next guy.

I remember one year, we on the parade committee decided it would be good to hire a band for some music. None of the bands with Gay members would play, so the committee hired a straight band. Apparently the power generator had some problems. So, for most of the fair, the lead singer decided instead to curse us out for getting such terrible equipment, telling us he didn't want to be there and how much we should appreciate them. I think they played only one song.

Then, there was a Gay narade in Lox Annales. After

Then, there was a Gay parade in Loa Angeles. After all, San Francisco leads the way in parades, and our cousins in LA decided to emulate the famous Chinese New Year caterpillar costume. So, they put together a 30-foot long "cockapillar." It had the "respectable" liberals so pissed they threatened to write a law against marching in costume.

This year's parade here was okay, I'll give it a 5. Though, surely those wide-eyed college kids in fluffy sweaters would rate it higher. Since I didn't get a chance to meet any of them up-close, I went home and picked up my Ricky Nelson glossy — and stared at his defiantly curled lower lip.

David Kave

### Running in the Parade

★ Congratulations to all those who so expertly show-cased our community's talents and concerns in Sun-day's Freedom Day parade.

As a parade participant, I valued a cooperative effort done with skill — and style. As a candidate for Supervisor, I value the parade as an example of our community functioning at its best. It's an example I intend to have the City see happening more and more often.



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# **ETTERS**

### Non-Gay Support

\* As a member of the Peace and Freedom Party may I congratulate the non-Gay P and F men and women who gave up their Sunday to participate as marchers in this year's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day parade in San Francisco.

in San Francisco.

Because I was the only Gay P and F member who showed up as a marcher, I told the non-Gay members that, because this was my first parade as a marcher, it was important for me to march with a group of which there could be no doubt that we were a group of faggots marching for our rights as full citizens. They readily understood my feelings, so I actually marched with the Gay men and Lesbians of the New Life Metropolitan Community Church of Oakland.

tan Community Unirch of Oakiand.

As the New Life MCC group marched up Market
Street, I was astonished at the genuine good will of at
least 98 percent of the parade watchers. About 50 percent of the watchers appeared to be non-foxy, yet these
men and women, of all ages, shapes, colors, and forms,
reflected, in the warmth of their smiles and their applause, an understanding of the underlying serious
meaning of the parade, namely, the necessity, as an
issue of social justice, of extending the protection of
civil liberties to Gay men and Lesbians.

There is little doubt thet the Gay Liberation Moves.

There is little doubt that the Gay Liberation Move-ment has made real gains since Stonewall in getting its message out. The presence of the P and F marchers indicates this success.

There is, of course, a long way to go in the goal to release American society from its ingrained homophobia, but, if the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day parade of 1984 in San Francisco is representative of national public opinion, there is definitely a light of tolerance and of love at the end of the tunnel of homophobic oppression

James F. Gibbons San Leandro, CA

#### **Baths: The Flat Earth Theory**

\* When AIDS went under the literally unspeakable acronym GRD (Gay Related Disease), the Centers for Disease Control proposed and tested the hypothesis that the spread of AIDS might be correlated with bathhouse activities. CDC's investigations found no correlation. Subsequent investigations by CDC, made as AIDS spread and the statistical base grew, confirm the earliest findings: no correlation.

findings: no correlation.

The bathhouse hypothesis, then, stands discredited by the only means capable of validating it: scientific scrutiny. Yet the hypothesis still appeals to a credulous and alarmed public. For one thing, the media, including the Gay media, do a poor job of reporting the work of the CDC. For another, the hypothesis that bathhouses facilitate contagion through multiple sex contects seems inherently plausible, just as the notion of a flat earth may come to seem self-evident to any truly openminded person driving the Interstate across Kansas. Further, the (hypothetical) association of AIDS with bathhouses offers the hope of an easy solution to an appalling situation: close the bathhouses.

Even the sleaziest political bum could not hope for a cheaper shot than the bathhouses. It is difficult, therefore, for a timid politician to take their side. But a cheaper shot than the meaning the their side. But Mayor Feinstein's constituents, perhaps because they live on the Pacific Rim, act as though the earth is, after all, roundish, even in Kansas, and their insensitivity to their mayor's ambition has finally led her to spy on them while they have sex. Democratic delegates from Wahoo, Oogalala, and Junction City will find some charm in the thought. Charisma may prove to be another matter.

Other matter.

More than geography may leave San Franciscans distrustful of Mayor Feinstein's concern for their health and happiness. Perhaps some remember that a few years ago, while CDC was doing its first investigations of the bathhouse hypothesis, the mayor prevented local public health officials from giving cautionary advice to patrons of some of the S & M bars south of Market. One must wonder whether any men later died of AIDS because an effort at health education offended the mayor's sense of decency. mayor's sense of decency.

The mayor has now persuaded herself of a simple administrative solution to the most complex problem ever to confront the science of epidemiology, especially as that solution appeals to the fearful and the ignorant among us. One must admit, too, that both the inanity and the impotence of her recommendation have precedents in earlier health crises. When the burrowing rodents that vector Bubonic Plague first arrived in Europe, the administrators quarantined Venice, the port of entry for the disease. Two years later as much as one-quarter of Europe lay dead from plague. In the last century, when cholera struck as randomly as cancer seems to do in our own time, whole town swere ordered burned in order to stop the spread of the disease. But cholera spread as relentlessly as the plague centuries earlier, until slow and tedious research showed that boiling the drinking water rather than burning the town sufficed.

Our mayor, however, unlike her predecessors in epidemiological ignorance, has the benefit of modern

science. The CDC and her own health officials can provide her with the evidence and the "reliable information" she claims she craves. That she chooses to ignore their information and advice in favor of the untutored observations of cops who would probably have preferred some other post on that night suggests strongly that she prefers inflammatory information to any other, and that her concern about the bathhouses has more to do with public image than public health.

Alex MacDonald

en are the Gays of this town ever going to learn? \* When are the Cusyou this town ever going to season! I would like to voice this complaint against Drummer magazine and its patriarchal publisher, John Embry; its closet-queen editor, John Rowberry; and everyone connected with the latest leather rip-off, The Mr. Drummer Contest at Trocadero Transfer last Saturday night, June 23.

To begin with, the cost of admission was \$15. For To begin with, the cost of admission was \$15. For that amount you got nothing except attitude from the staff at Trocadero. They had four bartenders working including one woman, who was like a static display. There had to be at least six men deep waiting to get a drink. Poor planning. The drinks were weak and you had to take whatever beer they had at a premium cost.

There were numerous delays in the whole show. A stub for the public to vote was attached to each ticket. My stub was taken from me when I entered but when I found out I had to have it to vote, I made a fuss and retrieved it from a man at the door who grudgingly gave it back to me.

it back to me.

One of the main reasons I attended was because I wanted to see John Garger, the winner of last year's marathon (7 hours) contest. He did not appear. Instead, the 1st runner-up, David Earl Lee, was there to crown the winner and no explanation was given as to why John Garger was not there. I later learned that he resigned the title due to shoddy relations with the Drummer people. Did any of the so-called "leather columnists" (your Karl Stewart and The Voice's Mister Marcus) bother to report that there was trouble in paradise?

The contestants were introduced by name only throughout the evening, and then it was announced that to vote you had to put a number on the ballot stub. Not once did any of the contestants wear a number. So asking the staff at Trocadero where to vote was like So asking the stant at rocadero where to vote was the asking Israel to make peace with the Palestinians. Nobody knew where to vote. At last, when the voting period was finally announced, queenly couriers wandered around with boxes and if you were lucky enough to catch one of them you could vote.

wandered around with doors and it you were neasy enough to catch one of them you could vote.

All in all, the whole thing was poorly planned, poorly executed, and lies dangerously close to the rip-off zone. Since your correspondent Duke Armstrong chose to dish the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago to absolute filth, I hope he will in turn dish Mr. Drumer the same. Quite frankly, for all those who espouse the virtues and wonderful world of leather, I have become disenchanted with the leather title entrepreneurs. I guess I finally learned my lesson. America's Macho Mag to me only represents a leather rip-off and from all this I will be a leather man and pursue my interests in other areas. It is a pity that with all the resources available in San Francisco, with professional people who can MC, who know lighting and sound, that Mister Drummer is nothing but a hollow, worthless scheme to get the money and quick and fuck the ticket-buyers. What do they know? As for Mr. John Embry, publisher of Drummer, his heretofore dubious reputation as a chief spokesman for leather and macho-ness rings very, very hollow. I suggest he change the masthead of his once illustrious publication to America's Macho Mag for Mismanagement.

Victor D'Amato

ED. NOTE: Why is the term "queen" so fre-quently used as a put-down? Sounds to me like this show could have used a few more queens. The best emcees in this town wear dresses.

Brian Jones

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# Unitarians Will Sanction Gay, Lesbian Marriages

Church Here Has Joined Dozens of Couples

by Allen White

The Unitarian Universalist Church last week became the first major denomination to acknowledge marriages of Gay couples. The 1,300 delegates at the 23rd General Unitarian assembly voted overwhelmingly last Thursday in Columbus, Ohio, to sanction spiritual unions of Gay and Lesbian couples.

The action gives an official stamp of approval on a service which has been conducted locally by the First Unitarian Church for almost a decade. Rev. Joan Hull, the Associate Minister of the church, says she has performed more than 25 services of this type in the last five or six years. She said she prefers they be called a "service of commitment" rather than a "marriage." Hull noted that the word "marriage" denotes a legal and financial contract with the state, as well as a spiritual action.

Hull said that in counseling people who want to replicate the act of marriage, she encourages discussion regarding a mutual financial understanding. The decision is that of the participants, but she feels the financial aspects should be considered.

Rev. Hull noted that the Unitarian Church has been on the "cutting edge" of Gay and Lesbian issues. She noted the church operates an "Office of Gay Concerns" in its Boston home office. Rev. Robert Wheatley, a Gay minister who directs that office, said, "This is not a matter of civil rights, in the terms of legal rights. This is a human rights issue in the sense of affirming human beings, to acknowledge and affirm and celebrate their commitment together."

In San Francisco, the First Unitarian Church has been continually active in the Gay and Lesbian community. It has become a focal point, with a Sunday morning rap group which discussed Gay issues on a continuing basis. Rev. Hull emphasized the positive role of Gay people in the church by stating that last year the Gay rap group was disbanded. This was done,



Unitarians and Gays. Joan Hull, associate minister of First Unitarian Church, frequently counsels Gay and Lesbian couples on their union. (Photo: Rink)

she explained, because Gay men and Lesbians had assimilated into the church.

Until last summer, the church had also been the rehearsal area for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and still is the location for many Gay-related concert events.

Rev. Hull said she would guess that approximately 10 percent of the church membership of 750 is Gay. She hoped that this move by the national organization would signal a sign of comfort for the Gay person. "I would hope," she said, "that those who now say 'I would like to belong to a church' would feel an invitation to now explore the Unitarian Church. This move signals a willingness to accept all peeple, including Gay men and Lesbians.

# Court Blocks New York City From Enforcing Gay Policy

New York — A state judge Friday issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the City of New York from enforcing an executive order by Mayor Edward Koch prohibiting private organizations doing business with the city to discriminate against Gays in employment.

The judge issued the restraining order pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed against the city by the New York Catholic Archdiocese challenging the order as an unconstitutional violation of the separation of church and state.

The archdiocese was joined as co-plaintiffs by the Salvation Army and by orthodox and Chassidic Jewish organizations, who contend that the order infringes upon their religious

beliefs that homosexuality is immoral.

Meanwhile, The New York Times has editorialized in favor of the order and urged religious bodies to support the order: "It's hard to believe that their non-discrimination cannot be promised in words that nonetheless protect their freedom of conscience . . . Hiring a homosexual neither promotes nor condones homosexuality."

The editorial marked the first time that the Times has taken a firm stand in favor of Gay rights, although the newspaper itself still refuses to use the word "Gay" in its news coverage, except in direct quotations and the proper names of Gay organizations.

Dion Sander

# 'Homosexual Panic' Defense Wins Probation in DC. Attack

Washington — Two teenagers convicted of brutally beating a Gay man in an isolated park here were sentenced to probation — prompting protest from Gays, women's groups and even the mainstream media.

Superior Court Judge Nicholas S. Nunzio sentenced Mathew Warring, 18, and Kevin Kinnahan, 17, to probation in the attack on William Edgar Hassel.

Warring and Kinahan met Hassel on the night of November 11, 1983 and asked if he would accompany them to a party that night. They drove Hassel to an isolated park, where they made him strip, then kicked him in the groin, stabbed him repeatedly and urinated on him, threatening to castrate and kill him.

Hassel broke away from his attackers and fled nude to a nearby house.

nearby house.

In handing out his sentence, Nunzio said that the case "was one of excessive alcohol on the part of the two young men, a sexual advance on the part of the complaining witness, and of excessive force in defense of that sexual advance," In other words, "homosexual panic."

Nunzio's decision sparked widespread outrage. Members of DC Gay Activists Alliance picketed at Dupont Circle which drew more than 100 people.

Lois Reckitt, executive vice president of the National Organization for Women, told the protesters, "I am a Lesbian and I have been approached by men in straight bars, wanting to pick me up. In discouraging their advances, I have never found it necessary to try to kill them!"

GAA is campaigning for Nunzio's removal from the bench, applying pressure on the DC Commission on Judicial Disability.

Meanwhile, The Washington
Post denounced the sentence in
stinging editorials, with the
newspaper receiving a deluge of
nail protesting the judge's deci-

- New York Native

# Gay GOP'ers Open DC Office

Concerned Americans for Individual Rights, the recently organized group of politically moderate and conservative Gays and Lesbians, has elected its first board members. They are Robert Bauman, Easton, Maryland, a former member of Congress; Bruce Decker, a San Francisco businessman who will serve as chairman of CAIR; Leonard Matlovich, San Francisco; and Bonnie McGinley, an Alexandria, Virginia business woman.

CAIR opened its office last week at 1325 18th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20036.



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### **POLITICS AND POKER**

## **Another Dumb Remark** From Quentin

WAYNE FRIDAY

Jupervisor Quentin Kopp is at it again. Anyone who has watched the political scene in San Francisco for any length of time knows that Quentin Kopp has little use for this city's Gay and Lesbian community. Gay and Lesbian community. There was an extensive story about our minority groups and the upcoming Democratic Convention in last Sunday's New York Times Magazine. In it, Kopp—San Francisco's answer to Jesse Helms — confirms again which he really field a short the really field as hort. again what he really feels about our community.

Others in the story expressed confidence that the convention, with its 30 or more planned demonstrations, would be order-ly and peaceful (if somewhat noisy and controversial). But noisy and controversial). But Kopp, always the demagogue, decided to play the proverbial bully and attack — and who better to attack than the Gay community; right, Quentin? Kopp, predicting (hoping for?) trouble for the Democratic Party, was quoted in the *Times* story as follows: "When people see these elements of the party on television, they'll revolt and vote independent or Republican. The leadership of the Democratic Party is out of touch, catering to special-interest groups like the special-interest groups like the Gays. The people of this councays. The people of this country are more traditional than the party thinks. They'll be shocked by the Gays. My constituency was absolutely astonished by the Gay Freedom Day Parade. A sizable number even expressed revulsion."

Mr. Kopp says that "my constituency" (meaning, of course that he certainly doesn't consider us to be his constituents) was "absolutely astonished." Now isn't that a damned shame? One wonders just what it is that Quentin and "his constituency" would have us do. Where would they have us go? Well, I have news for you, Supervisor Kopp; we are here—and we are here to stay. Take it or leave it, sir. Indeed, we are tas the Times story proclaims) San Francisco's largest minority group. We will take what is rightfully ours whether Quentin Kopp likes it or not.

Would Supervisor Kopp dare

Would Supervisor Kopp dare would supervisor Kopp dare attack this city's Black commu-nity the way he has the Gay community? Or the Asian com-munity? Or the Latino commu-nity? Of course not. The man doesn't have the guts to do so. But given the forum, Kopp can But given the forum, Kopp can simply not resist the opportunity to show his dislike for Gays. Any Gay man or Lesbian in this city who votes in November to re-elect Quentin Kopp should seri-ously consider having his or her head examined.

The Democratic vice presidential picture changes weekly, with oddsmakers now saying that Mondale is likely to take either a woman (probably New York's Rep. Gerry Ferrarol, or Gary Hart as his running mate. Meanwhile, Mondale, continuing his highly-publicized "interviews" with prospective veep candidates, rospective veep candidates, tems really to be fulfilling an seems reany to be fulfilling an old campaign promise of "considering" all elements by his continuous charade of talking with "prospective" candidates. Does anyone really believe that Mondale is considering Philadelphia's Black Mayor Ray Goode, who has only been in of-



The Honeymoon's Over. Quentin Kopp often woos the Gay vote, as seen here with Alice president Sal Rosselli. But the NY Times interview may ent the honeymoon. Rosselli was among those this week who blasted Kopp (Photo: Rink)

fice a few months? Or Kentucky's woman governor, Martha Layne Collins, who no one has ever heard of? What does he nas ever neard of? What does he talk with them about? Even they know they are being used as pawns only to placate the special interest groups they represent. Of all the "candidates" interviewed, the one still getting the most publicity is Dianne Feinstein. There are ex-tensive interviews with the mayor in every magazine that you pick up. I think her entire staff of City Hall press people deserve a rolle in roll. deserve a raise in pay.

The Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the state Democratic Party is giving a party at Sutter's Mill on July 14 (9-11 p.m.) honoring the Gay and Lesbian delegates and Gay and Lesbian delegates and elected officials who will be here for the convention (you are all invited to this one). • The latest Gallup Poll shows Ronald Reagan leading probable Demo nominee Walter Mondale by 19 percentage points. This is despite the announcement of one of the President's most powerful groups, The National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), that they are unhappy with Reagan, claiming he's too "liberal" and plans to cancel its pro-Reagan campaign ancel its pro-Reagan campaign

he Unitarian Universalist Fellowship convention, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, last week with 1,300 delegates, has become the first major denomination to acknowledge marriages between Gay couples. • Both Senator Milton Marks and Assemblyman Art Agnos quickly put out press releases last week taking credit for Governor Deukmejian's decision not to veto the \$1 million AIDS funding in the recently completed state budget. • You Jennifer Holliday fans might or might not be interested to learn that the Dreamgirls star will that the Dreamgirls star will sing not only the national an-them, but also "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the Democrats' convention opening

In Houston, where a law forbidding discrimination against Gays passed the City Council recently, Republican leaders are promising they will come up with enough signatures to put this issue to a public vote. Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown, appeared on Sunday's "This Week With David Brinkley" show on ABC and was less than complimentary towards Jesse Jackson, who also appeared on the program. Brown, criticizing Jackson's part anti-Jewish stance, made it clear that Jesse would have to do some quick fencemending in order to make use of In Houston, where a law formending in order to make use of his position of strength within the Democratic Party. • Jerry Falwell to speak at the Family Forum powwow via a videotape of himself? • Staff aides of Massachusetts Rep. Gerry Studds, America's only openly Gay member of Congress, tell me Studds will pass up the Democratic Convention.



Mondale: Shopping (Photo: Rink)



Feinstein: Hoping (Photo: Rink)

# Kopp: 'Revulsion' at Gay Parade

(Continued from page 1)

Thus San Francisco Supervisor Quentin Kopp provided the only negative statement about the Lesbian and Gay community here in the cover story in the New York Times Sunday Magazine this week. The 1.5 million Times readers read Kopp's statement, and local activists were quick to respond. Many said they felt the local populace had accepted the papers. populace had accepted the parade, now in its 13th year.

Kopp told the Bay Area Reporter that the quote was cor-rect. But he said, "It was inaccreet. But he said, It was mac-curate in that other pressure groups were included in my comment to the reporter. I was talking about several pressure groups that support Hart and Mondale."

Mondale."

The supervisor denied that "my constituency" was a reference to areas where he has the highest election tallies — Lake Merced, where he lives, and in the Sunset and Pacific Heights districts. The supervisor said the opinion came from people who telephoned and wrote to his office. "While I did not do a tabulation by area, they came from ulation by area, they came from all over — North Beach, Rich-mond, and elsewhere."

#### GAY REPUBLICANS

Tom Peretti, president of the local Gay Republican group, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, said he was "surprised and disappointed but not outraged at his comments." not outraged at his comments."
CRIR supported Kopp in 1979
in his bid to be mayor because
of his conservative politics. The
Democratic supervisor has frequently spoken at CRIR meetings but is rarely seen at Gay
Democratic functions. Democratic functions.

"The Times quotation might leave the impression that Quen-tin is homophobic," Peretti said. "But I do not find that to be true. Some people are offended by some aspects of the parade— including some Gay people. I am offended at leftist contingents that support countries that oppress Gay people."

oppress Gay people."

Peretti believes Kopp is often misunderstood. "I do not believe Quentin merits the reputation among some as being a homophobe. I have never known him to take an anti-Gay position. He got the reputation in the media of being a grouch, but he will not tell you one thing and then tell someone else another thing."

Kopp has consistently voted for those Gay rights, AIDS funding, and other measures urged by the Lesbian and Gay community. But he has also been involved in two incidents seen as derogatory toward Gays.

In 1978, shortly after the late Supervisor Harvey Milk was elected, the Board of Supervisors was about to pass a resolution honoring Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin on their 25th and Del Martin on their 25th anniversary. Kopp spoke out during the debate, asking, "An-niversary of what?" Kopp op-posed the resolution, adding, "Tolerance, yes; glorification,

In 1981, Kopp asked the Fire In 1981, Nopp asked the Fire Department to prohibit the use of slings and harnesses in private residences. The action followed the spectacular Folsom Street Fire, During that fire, the fire The speciacinar roson safety. Fire. During that fire, the fire chief was quoted nationwide as saying, "We may find dozens of bodies in there chained to beds," and described the warehouse where the fire began as "a homosexual slave quarters."

There were no bodies found, and everyone seemed to want to forget the inaccurate prediction, except Kopp. But Kopp's proposal, too, was forgotten.

### **GAY DEMOCRATS**

Sal Rosselli, president of Toklas Democratic Club, said, "What is that constituency that Kopp is referring to that 'ex-pressed revulsion'? Narrowminded, bigoted people. I find that straight people in this city accept the parade. Some of them march with us. . . I am upfront as a Gay person on my job as a labor business agent and I do not find hostility there.

"I thought that he had learned to have a very basic level of respect. His position on Lesbian and Gay rights has been progressive but this is a big step backwards for him."

Carole Migden, president of the Milk Democrats, was more disturbed. She said, "It was a ludicrous statement. The party ludicrous statement. The party is made up of special interests. That is what America is — a melting pot. I am heartened that the party has come out of the closet on Lesbian and Gay rights — a monumental step forward for the party. The Democrats have acknowledged that we are disenfranchised."

'WHO ARE THESE GAYS?'

The Times feature included a The Times feature included a positive statement from Nancy Pelosi, former chair of the California Democratic Party: "Who are these Gays? They're some-body's child, brother, sister, friend, and that's who. They're not from another planet. The fact that they're in San Francisco means that the rest of the country is not as hospitable to them as we are . . . "Legettinky do not think we

certainly do not think we "I certainly do not think we should have had the convention elsewhere because of our large Gay population. This is a city of equal rights and all God's children, and one of the reasons San Francisco is the way it is is because other places out there don't practice what they preach."

The Times feeture "Son

preach."

The Times feature, "San Francisco - Unconventional City," included a full-page color photo of two Levi-clad young men walking together, holding hands in front of Victorian buildings in the Castro. Included was a color photo of attorney Mary Dunlap and Stonewall Club president Paul Boneberg, who were identified as the cochairs of the July 15 Lesbian/Gay march. bian/Gay march.

G. Mendenhall

# Kopp Responds to 'N.Y. Times'

This letter was drafted by Jack Davis, a political consultant, and Supervisor Quentin Kopp on Monday. It is in response to Kopp's controversial statement on the Gay lifestyle in last Sunday's New York Times (see accompanying

Davis hand-delivered this letter to the Gay press here and read it to the membership at this week's Stonewall Democratic Club meeting. The consultant, who is Gay himself, is a long-time associate of the supervisor.

The letter is addressed to Editor Ed Klein of the Times'

As a proud San Franciscan and 12-year veteran of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I want to protest the distorted, incomplete, and totally out-of-context remarks attributed to me in your July 1, 1984 magazine.

Ms. Fosburgh's article, "San Francisco: Unconventional City for the Democratic Convention" is just the latest in a litany of reporting and journalistic efforts aimed at characterizing our City as "America's legendary outpost of the weird, the crazy, and the off-beat." San Francisco's extraordinary beauty coupled with our rich diversity of people, neighborhoods and cultures; our history of tolerance and understanding; and our commitment to the enhancement to the quality of life of all people make this city special and truly unique. In my opinion, these are the reasons San Francisco was chosen as the site for the 1984 Democratic Convention.

It is too bad Ms. Fosburgh didn't print my basic and persistent statement that I doubted and doubt there will be the type or intensity of inappropriate expressions of opinions and conduct which she and so many others want to predict for the convention and for San Francisco. My 30-minute interview with Ms. Fosburgh dealt largely with her hypothetical implications about demonstrations at the upcoming convention. The First Amendment rights of all citizens are fundamental and must be encouraged and protected. Yet, experience suggests that legitimate expression is often lost to sensationalization and media exploitation. All sion is often lost to sensationalization and media exploitation. All too often the coverage of Lesbians and Gays demonstrating for social justice becomes condensed on the nightly news to something else, or lost in the paragraphs of a broader story. It is the unfairness of this dynamic which, unfortunately, works against the realization of the stated goals. This is unfortunate.

tion of the stated goals. This is unfortunate.

As a non-Gay, public official, I applaud the achievements and many contributions Lesbians and Gays have made to San Francisco. While I will always continue to support the fundamental human rights of all people, there comes a point when human rights are no longer the subject. Special considerations in exchange for political support are differentiated from the process of securing personal freedoms. While the Democratic Party should always champion the causes of civil liberties, human rights, and social justice, our party must never become the brokering house of special interests or power politics. Some of our Democratic leaders don't always understand this concept, but many traditional Democrats do. Unfortunately for our party, they choose other alternatives.

In summary, choosing one of the world's greatest cities for a

In summary, choosing one of the world's greatest cities for a convention site is not unconventional; it's smart.

# **Pride Fires Kline** From Job Program

Ken Kline has been discharged as director of the Pride Center's Employment Service. His departure marks the end of a job-finding concept that has been steeped in controversy.

Just over a year ago, Kline founded the Gay Employment Service on Castro Street. The purpose of the service was to find jobs for people after a \$25 donation to the organization was received. It became the subject of considerable controversy when people who were unable to find work through the service began to complain.

The District Attorney ultimately acted and forced the service to comply to demands, which forced it out of business. At the same time, Ken Kline was arrested for violations relating to the methods in which funds were collected by the Gay Employment Service.

Early this year, the service was dissolved and, at the same time, re-established under the umbrella of the Pride Foundation. The arrangement was the subject of a negotiated court order. The foundation hired Ken Kline, stating they believed he had the experience and expertise to coperate this Pride Center service.

Last week, Kline's relation-ship with the Pride Center was concluded. The Pride Center of-fered no explanation about the parting, stating the details were



Ken Kline (Photo: Rink)

a confidential personnel matter. A temporary director of the service will be appointed until a job search for a permanent director can be found.

Allen White

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# The Bar Chronicles: Return of the Red Eve

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Hippler continues his whimsical look at the history of Gay bars this issue, tripping through the mostly word-of-mouth chronicle of the taverns in roughly chronological order.

Because no memory is infallible — especially during Happy Hour — many may disagree with some of the "facts" presented here. If so, don't blame me. Blame the people who can't remember. Better yet — blame Demon Rum. My study is confined to the Inner Castro and excludes restaurants, unless they are attached to bars of long standing. Most of my information comes from bar owners, managers, and patrons.

#### THE SPECIAL

When he was only 22, Ed Stark opened the Nothing Spe-cial with his partner, Jack South. This was in 1971, and the Nothing Special was one of the first Gay bars on Castro Street. Prior to that, it was a Spanish jazz club called the Club Unique which ever since the days of Prohibition attracted a city-wide following. The Club fell on hard times in the late 1960's, how-

er, and its Spanish owners and ever, and its Spanish owners and clientele were soon replaced by Gay men of the immediate post-Flower Child era. "Everybody had long hair and blue jeans then," says owner Stark, "and the Nothing Special was a cute name which seemed to fit."

No longer. After more than a decade with the same name and same simplified, homey decor, the Nothing Special has become the Special, and the hand-

carved, hand-painted wooden sign out front has been replaced by the pinkest of neon signs against a slick, black back-ground. The California beanground. The California bean-sprout style has given way to High Tech. "The '80s are a new era." says Stark, "and now peo-ple take more pride in them-selves. Hence, the name — the Special."

Special."

Despite the changes, the Special has had a remarkably stable history since 1971. The owners are the same, the location is the same (it is one of the few original Gay bars to be able to make this claim), and many of its patrons are the same Gay men who frequented the place over a decade ago. "Recently we had a mirror auction to raise money for Shanti," notes Stark, money for Shanti," notes Stark, "and I knew 30 of the 31 people who bought our mirrors. I think that says something right there."



Originally, like so many others, the Castro Station was a straight bar. Over a decade ago it became a Gay bar and restaurant, Le Bistro. Le Bistro was replaced by the Twilight Zone. In 1972, Castro Station replaced the Twilight Zone. The original owner was Jim Ostlund, one of the former Emperors of San owner was Jim Ustlund, one of the former Emperors of San Francisco, who "did a lot of civic things," according to the bartender, Maury Miller. Under Ostlund's ownership, the bar once won a Cable Car Award for best Christmas decorations, and two years in a row it won an award for having the best float in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Freedom Day Parade.

Four years ago the bar expanded, taking over the shop next door, and reopened as a leather bar. "Now it's just anything," explains Miller. At present the bar has three owners, who took over when Ostlund died last year. Ostlund was not the only blueblood in the bar, incidentally, Michael Nameth of the S.F. Eagle, better known as Empress Jane Doe, was once a bartender at Castro Station for several years.

### MIDNIGHT SUN

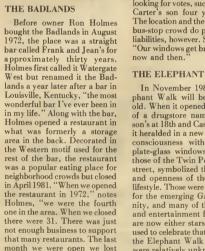
The Midnight Sun first opened in 1972 on Castro Street, taked in 19/12 on Castro Street, taking over the site of a straight bar called the Gem Club that had previously been a pharmacy and a Bank of America. Business was good from the beginning, but for reasons unknown, for a while the owner changed the name to the City Dump and decorated the place with toilets on the wall and bedpans full of popcorn. "It was not a Gay bar on the wall and bedpans full of popcorn. "It was not a Gay bar then," says Stephen Wick, who has worked at the Midnight Sun for eight years. "It was a fag place."

Approximately five or six ars ago the Midnight Sun be-

could bar patrons protect their anonymity by retreating to a sheltered, dimly-lit cave to drink. By letting the light shine in, the Twin Peaks encouraged its patrons to liberate themselves and, at the same time, invited the general public to educate themselves by letting them see exactly what went on inside the once-notorious Gay bars.

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Because of its prime location at Castro and Market, right next to a major bus and Metro stop, the Twin Peaks attracts all kinds of people. "There are lots of regulars," says White, "but also tourists and straights. You see the whole world pass by here, and some stop in, including politicians and politicians," relatives. and some stop in, including politicians and politicians' relatives looking for votes, such as Jimmy Carter's son four years ago." The location and the press of the bus-stop crowd do pose certain liabilities, however. Says White, "Our windows get broken every now and then."



In November 1984 the Elephant Walk will be ten years old. When it opened on the site of a drugstore named Anderson's at 18th and Castro Streets, it heralded in a new age in Gay consciousness with sparkling. it heralded in a new age in Gay consciousness with sparkling plate-glass windows that, like those of the Twin Peaks up the street, symbolized the freedom and openness of the new Gay lifestyle. Those were heady days for the emerging Gay community, and many of the political and entertainment figures who are now either stars or legends used to celebrate that freedom at the Elephant Walk when they were relatively unknown members of the community. bers of the community.

THE ELEPHANT WALK

bers of the community.

One of these was Harvey Milk, who held court at the Elephant Walk when not at his camera shop across the street. Another was Sylvester, who got his start at the bar doing a Sunday night cabaret act and who was offered his first record contract there. Jane Dornacker used to perform at the Elephant Walk as Lila of Lila and the Snakes, and Wayland Flowers was another who popped up at the bar periodically, propped on a stool next to his alter-ego, Madame.

In 1979 the Elephant Walk

Madame.

In 1979 the Elephant Walk made a different kind of history when it became the arena for a battle between an enraged group of policemen and a defensive group of Gay people following the infamous White Night riots.

According to Randy Shilts in his book, The Mayor of Castro

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came the first bar in the Castro (and one of the first in the coun-try) to feature video. Long lines of young men jammed the side-walk for a chance to stare at the

Sun's silver screens — and occasionally at one another. The crowds were so great that in October 1981 the Sun moved to

a more spacious location on 18th Street. The crowds moved with the bar, and it is still one of the

the bar, and it is still one of the most popular places in the neighborhood. It also has one of the most stable group of em-ployees. One reason for this is that althouugh the business has a primary owner, David Ford, it is also a corporation, and many of the employees are stockholders.

that many restaurants. The last month we were open we lost \$10,000."

In the space formerly occupied by the restaurant, Holmes added another bar and recouped his losses. The Badlands, which had always been an area hot spot, became even hotter still. It's popularity continues to this day.

According to Art White, who has been a bartender there for eleven years, the Twin Peaks opened as a Gay bar in November 1972. Previously, it was a straight bar with the same name. One of its claims to fame is that it sonesored the first all-

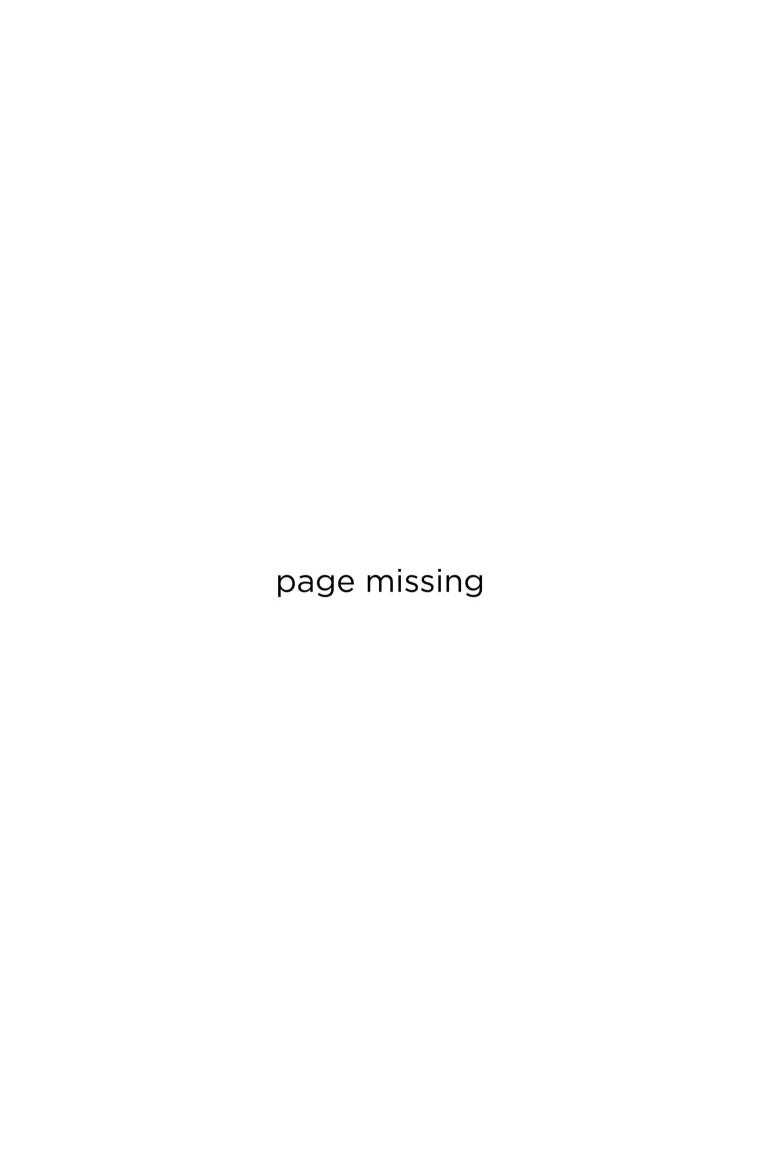
Gay softball team ever to beat the San Francisco police in the

one-celebrated faggots-vs.-cops softball series. Another is that the Twin Peaks was one of the first Gay bars on the street to defy tradition by installing huge plate-glass windows. No longer

TWIN PEAKS

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# GREATER BAY NEWS



Research monkeys at UC-Davis

Parallels Human Research

# UC Monkeys: Key to the Mystery of AIDS?

Discovery in Simians Predated Breakthrough in Human Virus Research

by John Wetzl

The wide open landscape of the central valley near Davis is punctuated with an incongruous sight: 11 monkey cages. Their horizontal expanse hints at the benevolent atmosphere of a zoo. But this is no animal park. These cages are praised and cursed, for theirs is a capacity to facilitate both good and evil. They are the outposts on the frontiers of medicine—the front lines in the war on AIDS. There is an irony here in these cages, where suffering is inflicted in an attempt to eliminate suffering.

Simian AIDS (dubbed "SAIDS") first made headlines in early March. A University of California - Davis research team, working here at the Primate Research Center, announced it had isolated a SAIDS "retrovirus" in monkeys.

The discovery strengthened the theory that AIDS is a transmittable disease caused by a virus, and it opened the door to verification of other viral explanations of AIDS transmission. Their findings strengthened the hypothesis of scientists researching human AIDS and who, a month later, announced their belief that a human T-cell leukemia virus (HTLV) was probably the agent which causes AIDS.

"There are parallels in nature," said Dr. Preston A. Marx. "Patterns repeat themselves from species to species. Related forms of viruses can cause similar kinds of diseases in different species." Marx is chief of virology for the Simian AIDS Project at the research center.

It is here on the rice flats of central California that some of the world's leading research on immune disorders has brought science to the brink of understanding how AIDS is spread. Here, the first conclusive evidence of any type of "AIDS virus" was recorded.

AIDS was first noted here in monkeys perhaps as early as 1969, according to Marx. In attempting to breed a colony of Macaque monkeys for distribution to research centers elsewhere, breeders noted a variety of health problems. These problems were characterized then as monkeys "adapting poorly" to captivity. The condition was not, for several years, recognized as a series of related ailments.

It was 12 years later before scientists here — alerted by the spreading AIDS epidemic in humans — realized that the problems with research monkeys at Davis could be an AIDS-related condition. That link raised a new possibility: research on Simian AIDS could uncover facts that might help unravel the mystery of human AIDS.

It is also here that the question can be studied: What do these caged monkeys have in common, either environmentally or behaviorally, with the profile of humans most at risk for AIDS?

One specific question revolves around sexual behavior. Between male monkeys, Marx said, "There is mating that occurs — but it certainly couldn't be said that homosexuality occurs in the same way among monkeys as in the human population."

lation."
Three main laboratories and a \$200,000 annual budget from the National Institutes of Health keep AIDS programs going at Davis. "This project has been seen as an AIDS project for at least 18 months," says Marx. He credits the NIH funding to the efforts of California Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown.
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But as with every other branch of AIDS research, competition has posed real barriers to effective collaboration, and the Davis findings have been disputed since they came out. Researchers at the New England Primate Research Center still hold that cause-and-effect of the SAIDS virus connection has yet to be proven. "We have a different opinion on this matter," said Dr. Ronald Desrosiers in a telephone interview. "We were the first group to obtain isolates from Rhesus monkeys." Rhesus is one of the two species of Macaques apparently susceptible to SAIDS.

Type "D" retrovirus was discovered in Massachusetts eight or ten months prior to its rediscovery in Davis. Desrosiers told us, "We've had an extra eight to ten months of experimentation. Based on what we've seen of the Davis group's data, it doesn't look very different from ours. What appears to be different is the interpretation."

Desrosiers also said no comparison had been made between the differences in method used by the two groups or in the virus isolates themselves even though the eastern and western groups have met with one another.

Now, it's back to the monkey cages to discover the modes of SAIDS transmission — research with obvious human parallels. At Davis, researchers want to determine three things:

- How the SAIDS agent is transmitted;
- Whether there are "carriers" of the agent; and

• Specifically which blood cells the SAIDS virus targets in its invasion of the body.

But as researchers work to limit human suffering, they are facing bitter criticism from animal-rights advocates. The critics decry the suffering inflicted on the research monkeys in the cause of science.

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The Virus, enlarged 100,000 times

"It's frustrating to have to deal with these obstacles," Marx said, "particularly when we're so close to pointing the way for studying the human disease. I get letters from people who love monkeys and hate homosexuals who tell me my work is destined to fail because it is against the will of God. I would hope," he said, "that your readership would be more receptive to what we're trying to do."



### OAKLAND

### **Mother Knows Best**

NEZ P.

POCO AEGLE (A Womb Nose?)

There is no stopping THAT girl, her! Little Mother, with lots of help from the locals of the Tenderloin, raised \$761 at Queen Mary's Pub Thursday evening, June 28. Remember, a promised 25 percent (roughly \$165.25) returns back to the East Bay AIDS funding projects.

As Little Mother stated, "I can't wait until later to do these auctions; we need the money now!" And waiting she is not. Her next San Francisco enterprise will be at the Renegades on Polk (of Bench & Bar fame) on Sunday, August 12, in the afternoon, I guess. Once again, 25 percent will return to the East Bay, I can well imagine that the patrons of Polkstrasse will not

be outdone by their Tenderloin Trader kin.

Also, on Saturday, July 7, Little Mother strikes again at the Jubilee in Oakland. Altering the legatee for this one auction, she is pushing this time for funds for one of Jubilee's customers who needs assistance. Now that's nice!

And, on the following Sunday, July 8, she will once again team with Ed Paulson for their series of auctions, continuing that day at the Turf Club in Hayward at 4 p.m. The Turf Club is notorious for hot and heavy bidding, so the "money thermometer" should be pushed much closer to the \$20,000 goal!

Little Mother asked me to mention that whenever and wherever she auctions, she represents Ed Paulson also, even though he might not be in attendance. "After all," she told me, "Ed has to work for a living!" Harrumph! Of course, Little Mother is currently "subsidized," as it were. (That's one step above being a "kept woman" isn't it?)

# NATAL FERIAL (A 52 Candle Nose?)

Saturday and Sunday last marked one of Hayward's most cherished traditions — the celebration of Ed Paulson's birthday. Big Mama's was packed to the rafters those two days; and all the distinguished, eminent, famous, renowned, acclaimed, peerless, and unparalleled — not to mention all the hoi polloi — jammed in to congratulate Ed on 52 years of life and 35 years in the bar business.

Ominous overtones shadowed last-minute preparations, what with most of the scheduled entertainment canceling out at the last moment and a possibility of no Baron of Beef! However, cooler minds took control and all worked out very well—

with much thanks to Daddy David and Zephyr Jim. It was really good to see so many Oaklanders partaking of the partying, and the mingling continued throughout all of Hayward's bars.

Indeed, people make the party, and party we did! I doubt that there's any Cutty left in the entire town! The buffets were scrumptious; the entertainment, enjoyable; the sociability, open and friendly; the gossip, delicious!

One would think that having a couple of days off to celebrate would be wonderful. But, as Ed put it, "Hell, I'd rather be behind the bar. I can't make any tips out here!"

I am sure that we all can look forward to many more years of Ed Paulson working the planks. Hayward, and all of Alameda County, is lucky to have him in the ranks!

#### NEZ'S NOTES:

• Rhonda Love answered my question from the last column. She was available to help with Hayward's float and was asked to march with it. According to Ms. Love, she was living up to the theme of the parade as it related to Alameda County. And, I have absolutely no idea what was meant by "She always sticks with a winner!"

 Villain Al requests any and all information, photographs, documents, etc. regarding Hayward's past history. He can be contacted at most any bar in Hayward — Gay bar, that is!

Frumpy, Steve, Danny, and Larry have a bit of "Russian River" right in their new back yard! A truly lovely setting — screaming for a hot tub!
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• Hooboy! When I asked about the "Basket Auctions" in Hayward, I was told that dates were being arranged at Big Mama's and Turf. When I asked Big Mama's and Turf about it, they replied they haven't even been approached! Damnit! I, as everyone else, appreciate a square shooter — but NOT IN MY BACK!

• Ask Mike, of Fat Freddie's Paradise, why it isn't wise to have lunch at his place of employment on his day off. Seems that a couple of juries arrived for lunch, too, and bartender Jim had to assist with waiting tables. Sooo, Mike was "recruited" to the planks for a couple of hours!

• Don't bother to make a "social" call to Mike while he is busy filling in. You'll get "hung up on"! (Was it twice or thrice

we witnessed it?)

• Also, don't ask Mike why he and Boyd didn't use all the prizes from their "La Cage aux Folles" basket prize. I queried him about why they didn't partake of the dinner and all I got was a blank stare!

• Don't ask about what to do with the globe from the Oakland float. You'll be told what you can do with it!

• Don't ask Fat Freddie about a plane ticket to Hawaii — or was it back East?

 What do John Drab, Warren (QT), and Reno all have in common? Far be it from me to say it's a bartender who doesn't follow company policy!

 A source informed me that the pool and patio area of the Club Baths on 73rd Street are now totally functioning and beckoning any and all these hot summer days.

That same source happened to mention that it is now four out of five, and the manager is looking better all the time!

• Just what did Orca and her dentist do last Sunday AM? They were all alone in the office. Fess up, Orca!

• How come Ray's Joe never says hello unless spoken to first? And why does he hide behind sunglasses inside a darkened bar?

• Emperor Rich (SF) does remember his roots! We'll see if he follows through on that invitation to dinner!

• And there is NO truth to the rumor that Sam and Marv are buying Revol so that Ralph and Pete can buy Big Mama's! Sorry, Zephyr—you'll just have to order more t-shirts!

• Don't forget Ed Paulson and Little Mother's AIDS auction at Turf Club, this Sunday at 4 p.m.

• Don't forget Cha Cha's Closet Ball at Ollie's Radcliff Hall on Saturday, July 21. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the ball at 7 p.m. Enduring fingers (mine!) are still sore from folding all those souvenir penguins!

• Don't forget Ed Paulson and Little Mother's AIDS auction at the Lake Lounge on Sunday, July 29, at 4 p.m.

• Don't forget that they have a Fourth of July in England, too! And a fifth, sixth, seventh

Single-handedly, I have fought my way into this hopeless mess! Smile on that one! Love,

BIGD AND LITTLE

by Leslie Ewing









"Just back from Hawaii, I see."

### Legislators Call On President to Stop Bigoted Campaigns

Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) announced last week that he has sent a letter, signed by 25 members of the California Legislature, to President Reagan calling on him to publicly repudiate political and fundraising campaigns which

appeal to bigotry against Lesbians and Gay men.

The legislators pointed out that "This year voices are once more being raised seeking to link you (President Reagan) with an appeal to prejudice against Lesbians and Gay men."

A copy of a fundraising mailer distributed by a group calling itself the American Family Association was enclosed with the letter. The mailer stated that there were "8 good reasons why

concerned Americans should vote against Walter Mondale and Gary Hart. The 8 good reasons are part of what I call "The Mondale-Hart Gay Platform."

The Agnos letter points out that President Reagan "provided leadership in stopping similar campaigns in 1978 when you opposed a California initiative to deny Gays and Lesbians jobs in the state school system.

"You restated your opposition

to discrimination in both the public and private sector during your 1980 campaign. Most recently, the chairman of the Republican National Committee joined with his Democratic counterpart in signing a 'fair campaign practices' pledge that 'opposes appeals to prejudice based on . . . sexual orientation.'"

The letter goes on to request that the President "personally disavow any attempts to link your name or to make you a beneficiary of such goals, and to remind the American people that you will not equivocate on your commitment to justice."

Among the legislators signing the letter was conservative Senator Ed Davis, who surprised most legislative observers by voting for AB-1, the Gay and Lesbian anti-discrimination employment measure vetoed by Governor Deukmejian.

### Roberti, Agnos Honored for Work on AB-1

Presentation of legal achievement awards to Senator David Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank) and Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) was announced recently.

The awards were made by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, a group working to increase the input and representation of Lesbians and Gay men in the judiciary, local, and state bar organizations and other policy-making groups.

The awards were for the leadership of the two lawmakers in the passage by the Assembly and Senate of AB-1, which Agnos authored and Roberti carried in the Senate. The bill would have prohibited employment discrimination because of sexual orientation, but Governor

George Deukmejian vetoed it.

"As lawyers, we are particularly aware of the fallacy of the governor's veto on the grounds that there is no proof of discrimination," Roberti told an audience of 200 persons at the presentation dinner in San Francisco's Hyatt Regency Hotel.
"We know that discrimination exists"

In receiving his award, Roberti also said that Agnos was "second to no one in his tireless efforts to get AB-1 passed."

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# **AIDS Patient Claims Airline Fired Him Illegally**

Los Angeles — A 10-year veteran flight attendant has sued United Airlines for \$20 million. He claims that he was indirectly dismissed from his job after he developed AIDS.

Gar Traynor claims he was placed on "endless medical leaves without compensation" which amounted to termination. He was diagnosed as having AIDS in December 1982, and informed his medical department. United did not claim that a person with AIDS was a risk to the public or co-workers. Traynor was placed on numerous sick leaves. He was never offered alternate employment with the airline.

# Gay Veterans Organize, Demand Right to Serve Country

Los Angeles — A group of 25 Lesbian and Gay veterans here have started a group, Council for American Rights and Equality (CARE), to demand equal treatment. Their organizer, Jim Highland, believes Gay people should have the right to serve their country in the military. It will also fight against "the bigotry, hostility and discrimination" experienced from heterosexual veterans and in-

vestigate alleged homophobia in the Veterans Administration.

Highland, 56, is a veteran of World War II. He said the group filed for incorporation in Sacramento on July 4. The activist believes his group will have over 50,000 members by mid-1985.

Lesbian and Gay veterans who are interested can write to CARE, P. O. Box 69961, Los Angeles, 90069.

### ACLU Will Staff Convention Protesters Legal Hotline

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild will staff a telephone Hotline to provide legal assistance for demonstrators during the Democratic Convention. The Hotline (415) 777-2829 will be open from Thursday, July 20th. Trained counselors will take calls on:

- Arrests during any demonstration, march, or other free speech activity;
- Police misconduct or violations of First Amendment rights;
- Any injury suffered or witnessed during free speech activities.

Volunteer criminal defense attorneys will be on call to assist people who have been arrested or whose rights have been abused.

The ACLU is also expanding its staff of complaint counselors to respond to queries about the stitutional rights during Constitutional rights during Convention Week. These lines are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the number is 621-2488.

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East Bay Demos. Last year, Oakland Gay rights. This year, a push for domestic partner benefits in Berkeley. The East Bay activists may beat out their city counterparts in passing the latter. (Photo: Rink)





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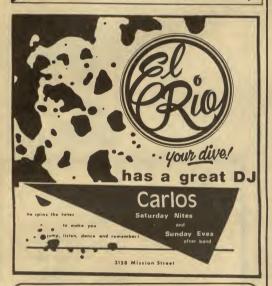
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# FRIDAY 6

- Charles Pierce: Stage performance, Venetian Room, Fairmont Hotel, California and Mason Sts., S.F., 9:30 and 11:30 PM, cover. Call 772-5163 for reservations.
- Joffrey Ballet: dance, War Memorial Opera House, 8:30 PM, \$7 to \$28.
- Preservation Hall Jazz Band: music, Stanford Theatre, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto, 8 PM, \$10 to \$15.
- The Dress, The Cry, and a Shirt With No Seams: stage performance, Studio Eremos, 17th and Bryant Sts., S.F., 8 PM, \$4 to \$8 sliding scale. A performance of Lesbian fiction and erotica by Jess Wells with paint-ings by Laurie White.
- Mixed Bag Productions: stage performance, Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St., S.F., 9 PM, \$7. An evening of choreography, music, and improvisation that in-cludes both solos and music/dance collaborations.
- Ikke, Ikke, Nye, Nye, Nye: stage performance, Zephyr Theatre, 595 Mission St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$6. Playtime Productions will present Lanford Wilson's play along with *Lunchtime* by Leonard Melfi.
- Bad Drama: stage performance, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2940 16th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$9 and \$10. By Richard Grey, directed by Robert W. Pittman.
- Psycho-Killer: stage performance, Studio Rhino, 2940 16th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$7. Written and directed by Diana Saenz.
- Marcia Harp: music, The Plush Room, Hotel York, 940 Sutter St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$8.
- Sugar Babies: stage performance, San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 8 PM, \$20 to \$27,50. Star-ring Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller. Call (408) 246-1160 for more information.
- Cutting Canvas: stage performance, Magic Theatre, Building D, Fort Mason, S.F., 8:30 PM, \$11. The final offfering of Magic's 1983-84 season. A world premiere by James Keller and Albert Takazauckas.
- Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story: stage performance, Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$6. Written and performed by Pat Bond.
- Jim Morris: comedy, Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 10 PM, \$5. Impressions of politicians and other celebs.
- Nepata Mero: music, Mame's, 389 Bay St. at Mason, S.F., 9 and 10:30 PM, cover. From Gershwin to Motown.
- Suzanne Berger: comedy, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, free.
- Something's Afoot: stage performance, Presenta-tion Theater. 2350 Turk St. at Masonic, S.F., 8:30 PM, \$10 and \$12. A musical spoof of Agatha Christie mysteries performed by The Lamplighters.
- Rodgers and Hart: musical celebration by the West Valley Light Opera Association, Saratoga Civic Theatre, 13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, 8:30 PM, \$7.
- Sunrise Over Chicago: stage performance, 2019
  Blake St., Berkeley, 8:30 PM, \$5. The Blake Street
  Hawkeyes present Cynthia Moore's Adults.

### SATURDAY 7

- Charles Pierce: stage performance (see Friday listing
- Joffrey Ballet: dance, 2:30 and 8:30 PM (see Friday listing for details).
- See New Tasting: KQED's second annual beer festival, San Francisco Concourse, Showplace Square, 8th and Brannan Sts., S.F., 1 to 5 PM, 925, 15% discount for KQED members. International entertainment and foods, free sampling from more than 200 beers from more than 30 nations.
- Preservation Hall Jazz Band: music (see Friday listing for details).
- Issting for details;
  Shakespeare in the Park: stage performance, East Lawn of the Flower Conservatory, Golden Gate Park, S.F., 2 PM, free. Measure for Measure will be performed by the San Francisco Repertory in cooperation with Shakespeare San Francisco.
- The Dress, The Cry, and a Shirt With No Seams: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- Day Hike: to Point Reyes National Seashore, sponsored by the San Francisco Hiking Club, meet for carpooling at the McDonald's on the corner of Stanyan and Haight Sts., S.F., 9:45 AM. The hike follows the south shore of Drake's Estero, about 7 miles round trip. Bring lunch and a canteen filled with water.
- East Bay Lesbian/Gay Men Runners Club: run at Lake Merritt, meet at the northeast corner of Oak and 14th Sts., Oakland, 10 AM. For more information call Kevin at 843-4968.
- Mixed Bag Productions: stage performance (see Friday listing for details)
- Ikke, Ikke, Nye, Nye, Nye: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).



Jim Morris will do Ronald Reagan

- Bad Drama: stage performance (see Friday listing
- Psycho-Killer: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- Sugar Babies: stage performance, 3 and 8 PM (see Friday listing for details).
- Cutting Canvas: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
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   Gay Comedy Night: with emcee Tom Ammiano and guest comics Linda Moakes, Suzy Berger, and Heller and Anton, Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 10 PM, \$5.
- Duck Variations: stage performance, Owl and Monkey Cafe, 1336 9th Ave., S.F., 8 PM, sliding scale. With Beckett's Come and Go.
- Marcia Harp: music, 7 PM (see Friday listing for
- Rodgers and Hart: musical celebration by the West Valley Light Opera Association (see Friday listing for details).
- Something's Afoot: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- Sunrise Over Chicago: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).

### SUNDAY 8

- GayRun '84: fifth running of the annual 5 and 10 kilometer race sponsored by San Francisco Front-runners, south end of the polo field, Golden Gate Park, S.F., 9 AM, entry fee \$10 with t-shirt, \$7 without. All proceeds will be donated to the San Francisco AIDS Fund. Refreshments.
- Debbie Saunders: music, Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St., S.F., 8 PM, \$7. Album release of A Shot in the Dark, with full band and backups.
- Charles Pierce: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- Joffrey Ballet: dance, 2:30 and 8:30 PM (see Friday listing for details).





Reagan Friday at the Valencia Rose

- Fundraiser: for the San Francisco AIDS Fund, The Brig, 1347 Folsom St., S.F. Call 861-1790 for more information.
- Unitarian-Universalist Gay and Lesbian Caucus: meeting, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. at Geary, S.F., 2 PM. Jack Spratt will give a lecture and show slides from his trip to China.
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  Gay Men's Health Collective: lecture, Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 3 PM, free. John Russell of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic will give a slide lecture on clinical aspects of AIDS. The regular monthly business meeting will follow.

  Day Hike: to Mount Tamalpais, sponsored by the San Francisco Hiking Club, meet for carpooling at the McDonald's on the corner of Stanyan and Haight Sts., S.F., 9 AM. Open to anyone who is interested in a chance to relax and sketch outdoors. Bring drawing materials and a lunch.
- Tropical Nights: music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4 to 8 PM. Salsa, samba, funk, and jazz.
- Sugar Babies: stage performance, 3 and 8 PM (see Friday listing for details).
- Cutting Canvas: stage performance, 2 and 8:30 PM, \$8.50 and \$10 (see Friday listing for details).
- Chrysanthemum Ragtime Band: music, Valencia ose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 4 PM, \$4.
- Jim Morris: comedy (see Friday listing for details).
- Shakespeare in the Park: stage performance (see Saturday listing for details).
- Greater Tuna: stage performance, Stanford Theatr 221 University Ave., Palo Alto, 2:30 and 7 PM, \$10 to \$14. Starring Michael Jeter and Ron Lee Savin.
- Rodgers and Hart: stage performance, 2:30 PM, \$6 (see Friday listing for details)
- Mixed Bag Productions: stage performance, \$6 (see Friday listing for details).
- Lady Bianca: music, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 190 Folsom St., S.F., 5 to 8 PM, free, With Ladies
- All Join Hands: Gay square dancing, dancers from every club join hands at 4170 Market St., S.F., 5 to 7:30 PM, donation. Bye-Bye Verdi: music, Mame's, 389 Bay at Mason, S.F., 3:30 PM, \$5. A light-hearted look at Grand Opera with Sam Bittner and five local "stars of tomorrow."



- Change Through Hypnosis: seminar, Lyon-Martin Clinic Conference Room, Los Portales Medical Building, 2480 Mission St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, free. Terry Hess and Susie Woodsy will discuss and demonstrate hypnosis and trance as part of the Womancare Health and Wellness Series. Women only. Call 641-0220 to reserve a space.
- Big City: music, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 1190 olsom St., S.F., 9 PM, cover.
- Gay Comedy Open Mike: with co-emcees Tom Ammiano and Mario Mondelli, Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$2. Performer sign-up at
- Bonnie Hayes: music, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, free.

### **TUESDAY 10**

- Federal Lesbians and Gays: meeting, The Front Page, 20 Annie St., S.F., 6 PM. Paul Seidler, Gay com-munity liaison for the San Francisco Police Department, will speak. FLAG is an organization of Gay and Les-bian federal employees seeking equal employment op-portunities in the absence of legal protection. No-host cocktalis will be available. For more information call 626-7273.
- International Folk Dancing: dance class, Nova Academy, 347 Dolores St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, \$2. No pre-registration necessary. Call 552-8413 for more
- Greater Tuna: stage performance, 8 PM, \$12 to \$16 (see Sunday listing for details).
- Audrey Finer: music, Mame's, 389 Bay St. at Mason, S.F., 9 and 10:30 PM, cover.
- Tom Ammiano: comedy, 132 Bush, 132 Bush St., S.F., 6 PM, cover. With jazz vocalist Wendy Cooper.
- Ginger Doss: music, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, free.
- Duck Variations: stage performance, Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$4. With Beckett's Come and Go.

## **WEDNESDAY 11**

- Joffrey Ballet: dance (see Friday listing for details)
- Cutting Canvas: stage performance, \$8.50 (see Friday listing for details).
- Greater Tuna: stage performance, 8 PM, \$12 to \$16 (see Sunday listing for details).
- Lynda Bergren: music, 132 Bush, 132 Bush St., S.F., 6 PM, cover.
- Ray Hanna: comedy and politics, Mame's, 389 Bay
   St. at Mason, S.F., 9 and 10:30 PM, cover. With special guests
- Duck Variations: stage performance (see Tuesday listing for details).
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- Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- San Francisco Hiking Club: planning meeting, 260 Hartford St., S.F., 7:30 PM.
- Greater Tuna: stage performance, 8 PM, \$12 to \$16 (see Sunday listing for details).
- Cutting Canvas: stage performance, \$10 (see Friday listing for details).
- Joffrey Ballet: dance (see Friday listing for details)
- Maxine Howard: music, Clementina's Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 7 to 9 PM, free.

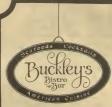


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# RTS & ENTERTAINMEN

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# Shot in the Dark

Debbie Saunders' First Album to Be Released at Sunday Concert

binding musician whose singing can touch chords deep inside all of us. Her low, sexy speaking voice translates into a soulful, passionate sound when she sings. I hear Karla Bonoff and Stevie Wonder when she sings, and I hear the husky, Southern voice of Janis Joplin when she speaks.

Debbie is on the edge of something big. She has just finished her first album, A Shot in the Dark, which will be released at a concert July 8 at the Great American Music Hall. She is backed by nine other musicians, both on the album and at the concert, that turn Saunders' unadorned voice and piano into a fuller, more sophisticated sound.

Things haven't always gone so well with Debbie. Blind since birth, she lived at the Texas State School for the Blind until State School for the Blind until she was 19, seeing her family during the summer and on holidays. She was given piano lessons beginning in the second grade and joined the school band, where she eventually played the bass guitar and tenor sax in addition to singing and playing the piano.

"I guess music was born into me," Debbie says. "I'm not sure what convinced them I had musical talent. It just sort of evolved."

After leaving the institution, Debbie sprang typewriter levers for the Lighthouse for the Blind, and separated bottles for Coca-Cola. She knew it had to be better than this and turned back to

"When I die I want people to remember me," Debbie says. "Sometimes I wish I knew a trade. I don't know how to do anything else."

Debbie was a member of several bands in and around the Southwest and was playing with a band in New Mexico when she met a tattoo artist named Robert

who offered to take her to Caliwho offered to take her to Cali-fornia. She took him up on it and ended up in Sausalito. Six weeks later she made Robert take her to A Woman's Place bookstore in Oakland where she first hooked up with other wo-men musicians in the Bay Area.

"All my life I had wanted to come to California," Debbie says. "I think it was meant to be."

I am waiting outside the Tas-sahara Bakery on Cole Street where I am supposed to inter-view Debbie Saunders. A jeep pulls up with posters for Deb-



somewhere in Oakland. We de-cide to go over to Debbie's house near Lake Merritt to see if she

"I guess music was born into me."

Debbie Saunders

bie's concert stuck on the winbie's concert stuck on the win-dows, and out hops a long-haired, lanky woman, but no Debbie. It is Kimbyl Edwards, Debbie's manager, who says the bus Debbie was coming over on from the East Bay had broken down, and she thinks Debbie is

Debbie lives in a small concrete duplex, and as we pull up, Debbie's girlfriend Maureen and another woman arrive home from a wake they had been at-tending. Nobody is sure where Debbie is, and Kimbyl calls a record studio, the Tassahara,

and the bus terminal in turn, asking them if they've seen a blind woman with a golden Lab, and when they invariably say no, asks them to tell Debbie to call home if they do. Maureen goes out in search.

Kimbyl and I hang around the house for awhile, and then decide to go back to the city. There will be no interview with Debbie that day.

Since Debbie arrived in California in 1977, she has played with Woody Simmons, won a yearly talent competition at The Boardinghouse in San Francisco, and played in two national cisco, and played in two national women's music festivals. But more importantly, her unique blues style has garnered a growing local following through concerts at The Artemis Cafe, Clementina's, Valencia Rose, and Amelia's in San Francisco, and Ollie's in Oakland.

Then came the album. Produced by Mary Watkins, who plays both acoustic and electric piano and synthesizer on back-up, the album is the culmination of months of hard work and many people's faith in Debbie's musical talent. Both the album's name, A Shot in the Dark, and name, A Shot in the Dark, and the name of the company forced to make it, Step by Step Records, are very appropriate here. It has taken a tremendous leap of faith, by Debbie, her producers, and fellow musicians on the album, to get this far with the project. I think it was worth it. From the lyrical "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder to Randy Newman's "Guilty," a blues song with a country sound. blues song with a country sound, the tunes on this album are full and rich. Three of the songs on and riell. There of the soing on the album, including "Love's Gonna Get Ya," an upbeat tune that is one of my favorites, were written by Rita Lackey, who does backup vocals and plays acoustic and electric piano. The whole group will be to-gether this Sunday at the Great American Music Hall to play some of the music they have spent months recording. It should be a good show.

We have set up another time for the interview, and this time Debbie is sitting in the jeep when I walk out of my house. Before we get around the corner Debbie is apologizing for disap-pearing last time. I cannot help but accept her apology, it is so heartfelt. In any case, its bearer is so disarmingly unaffected, so shy and witty at once, that I am shy and witty at once, that I am seduced.

seduced.
We arrive at a restaurant in Sausalito, where Debbie, Kimbyl, Debbie'e seeing-eye dog Chino, and I climb out. We are to have lunch and talk. But there's a problem. The management balks at letting Chino in. Puhleeze! Kimbyl becomes outraged; the owner is called, and Debbie and I stand around muttering to ourselves until we are finally seated, Chino and all. If I had to put up with that kind I had to put up with that kind of bullshit, I couldn't take it nearly as well as Debbie.

We talk about Debbie's plans, her desire to go on Star Search, and her possible reaction to the piranha-like attitudes rampant in the recording business, I feel I have known her much longer than an hour when we leave. She is a charming woman.

"I've spent the last three years trying to straighten up my stuff," Debbie said at one point during our conversation. "I think there's an angel constantly on my right shoulder. Every-body does a lot of crazy things, but not everyone lives to tell about it."

Debbie. I think there's an angel watching over you, too.



### **EVEN IN BABYLON**

### Some Are Hit; Summer Hit

JOHN F. KARR

get where opinions can get you? Lonis Farrakhan has learned that ministers, just like politicians and newspaper editors, can suffer sudden censure. Lay some bad words on Jews, man, and you gonna hear 'bout it, for sure. I mean, that boy be denounced.

But you and I, as ahead of the crowd as Gays are wont to be, foresaw his fall as long ago as the beginning of March, when he dared put his mouth on America's current Icon of Success, Michael Jackson. Even amidst the babylon of contemporary standards, you just don't be criticizing someone who's become Rich and Famous, especially when they've done it Without Talent. That's an American Dream. And Farrakhan delivered a low blow by questioning Michael's masculinity.

On a radio broadcast March 11, subsequently reported in the Chronicle, Farrakhan called upon Black youth to reject Jackson, whose "female-acting, sissified" image "actually ruins your young men and makes your young women have nothing to look up to as a real man."

It's swell that someone as butch as Farrakhan is patrolling the country's image of "real" men, but it's a little late in the game to be calling Missy Jackson names. It may only be a shielded on any trips she'd taken around the block when she described their simple, stay-athome date.

"We were dancing and he said to me, 'You know, I like it when — when girls sort of take — take control of the situation and really act tough."

God knows, when you're rich enough to wear one glove to the Academy Awards you don't have to beat around the bush, even Brooke's.

But Brooke didn't bite at Michael's unveiled desire. "I said, 'I don't quite understand,' and he said, 'Well, I like them to be, you know, feminine, especially in the videos, but at the same time strong."

Sounds like Michael would rather be slam dancing with some bondage brute at the Troc than trying to teach Brooke the ropes, and, girlene — he likes them to get tough! Give me a break. No, wait. I'll give you one: I'll tell you why he wears that glove. It's where he keeps his albolene. He's the only rock star in America who can rat a wig with one and (censored) with the other. At the same time.

With news of Missy Jackson's sexual preference practically out of the glove, local cocktail chatter has forged ahead. Chief topic is Who? wrote those genteel bits soon, there'll be no news value left at all, unless she can reveal that the real author is Lady DiFi or Harry Britt.

### TOE TAPPING ON TURK

There's nothing more delightful than a summertime hit, and the Lamplighters' snappy production of Something's Afoot is just the trifle to provide those warm smiles of a summer night.

warm smiles of a summer night. The Lamplighters' regular fare of Gilbert and Sullivan has frequently bored me, so I was unprepared for the panache the group brings to Something's Afoot, its only non-G and S production this season. Credit goes to choreographer Arthur Conrad, for the wit and flair of his musical staging has given the cast enough characterizing style to whiz through the nearly non-existent stage direction of Gilbert P. Russak. Russak also conducts, the only disservice among the evening's fine contributions, for his metronome mechanical approach is only surmounted by the simple merriment of the tunes and the deft performances given them. Russak turns a beguine into a plodding two-step, finds no tang in a tango, and seems determined to rush everything that is not a ballad into a G&S patter song. Perhaps I've just discovered why the Lamplighters' G&S productions are so stodgy.

Fortunately, though, the cast is a saucy crew, and the story

firmly tongue in cheek. A beautiful and witty set by Jesse Hollis satirizes the gloomy mansions of Agatha Christie, as does the script. Six guests are marooned in the house and murdered, hilariously, one by one, as this spoof spiffs along.

Peggy Ray Roberts takes command like an old pro in the Margaret Rutherford role; swooning society dame Marcia Hunt wins the 1984 Regina Resnik Award for bringing unity to multiple vocal registers; handsome Paul Gerrior is winningly wooed in the gay little serenade, "The Man With the Ginger Moustache;" and John Tichenor and Trisha Gooch show authentic music hall spirit in a best of show double-entendre duet in which he claims, "Tve Got a

Teeny Little Dinghy."

Sound daft? It is — and charming. Strange to think of the Lamplighters with a blooming hit. They've got one, and it's a dandy.

#### THESE TOO

• Ruth Hastings is finally back, and will open a run of her acclaimed Jacques Brel revue at 132 Bush beginning July 12.

• Debbie Saunders celebrates her intensity, talent, and soul with a record release concert with full band at the Great American Music Hall on Sunday, July 8.

 Sci-fi and fantasy fans should check out the reprinting in paperback of The House on the Borderland by William Hope Hodgson, a 1907 fantasy of apocalyptic fears that not only hasn't dated, but probably created its genre.

• And get a load of the Castro's Summer Retrospective. What perfect accompaniment to reading Running Time . . . seems they're showing every movie made, including the rare and wonderful.

Something's Afoot The Lamplighters Through July 28; 752-7755

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he can drop — will appear in every
other issue of the Bay Area
Reporter.

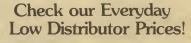
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Clive, the butler (Arthur Conrad), before he meets his demise in Something's Afoot, the Agatha Christie musical spoof performed by The Lamplighters now playing at Presentation Theater.

Lampugnters now playing at Prese malicious rumor that Michael wants to play the title role in a film of Diana Ross' life (for which he's already designed all his own gowns), but it does lend fuel to the possip that he's Gay.

Michael avoids the issue himself, but Brooke Shields — innocent bauble that she is — nonchalantly read the boy's beads when she dished with Gene Shalit on the Today Show.

"I don't need publicity, and that's why I'm seen with him," she said, disabusing racists of the notion that the pair have an amatory interest. But, oops, Brooke then revealed she'd been of literary porn, "The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty" and its sequel, "Beauty's Punishment." The Walt Whitman can barely keep them in stock, and it's common knowledge that the bylined "A. N. Roquelaure" is a nom deporn. Since I love secrets I've tried not to hear who the real author is, but everyone's announcing it's Anne "Interview With a Vampire" Rice — except Anne herself. She's stylistically accomplished enough to have written the books, but she's such a Lady. How long can she keep her legs crossed? How long can she continue to castrate her fame? If she doesn't 'fess up



A Fatherly scene from The Pope of Greenwich Village

### The Pope of Greenwich Village

Vat a Can of Worms!

There's more to the Village than Christopher Street. Take for instance Little Italy, the setting for The Pope of Greenwich Village, a comedy so subtle you may not crack a smile while watching it.

Paulic (Exic. Roberts), and

Maile watching it.

Paulie (Eric Roberts) and Charlie (Mickey Rourke) are third cousins. To Italians, we are told, that's "as close as twin brothers to the Irish." It takes us about five minutes to realize Paulie is bad news. Charlie's had 28 years to figure it out, and he has — but what the fuck, Paulie's family.

So Charlie late Paulie tall bite.

So Charlie lets Paulie talk him So Charlie lets Paulie talk him into a safecracking job which yields 150 grand but leads to good news and bad news. The bad news is that the money belongs to tough gangster "Bed Bug Eddie" (Burt Young), and a cop dies in the course of the robbery. The good news is that the cop was carrying a tape which can be used for insurance against both the police and the mob. (It's implied that the cop was Gay, but that's not what's on the tape.) on the tape.)

The script is full of inconsistencies which a real comedy might get away with, but The Pope of Greenwich Village can't decide if that's what it is. Most of the dialogue sounds like Clifford Odets wrote it in the thirties thirties

Almost everything about the cast is exaggerated, from their makeup and hairstyles to their performances. Eric Roberts and Geraldine Page act as if each line they deliver is the only one line they deliver is the only one the Academy Awards will be judged on. Daryl Hannah tries to overact, which comes out as acting just enough, but she should have stayed in the water. Kenneth McMillan is good, but should have had the makeup artist's thumbs broken. Mickey Rourke pursues his own course, oblivious to what's going on around him, and walks away with top honors.

On the debit side is talk that's

On the debit side is talk that's hard to understand, sometimes drowned out by one of the decade's worst musical scores (Dave Grusin). Director Stuart Rosenberg probably hasn't made a good picture since Cool Hand Luke, but this one looks like he phoned in his contribution. tion.

Despite everything, Paulie is hard to hate, even if Roberts' accent is nearer Martian than Italian. His idea of success is borrowing \$500 from a loan BAY AREA REPORTER JULY JULY 5, 1984 PAGE 22

shark "to see Sinatra at (Madison Square) Garden, and (Madison Square) Carden, and sitting two seats away from Tony Bennett!" It doesn't take many lines like that to keep a movie from being a total loss, and The Pope of Greenwich Village generally manages to squeeze one out when it needs it.

S. Warren (Galaxy)

Top Secret Bottoms Up

An electric dildo in the shape of a t. ballet dancers with swollen crotch-

in every gag — about one every ten seconds — some are bound to be fun-ny. It all seems a bit forced this time around, yet it still is enjoyable because of the "anything goes" attitude that pervades throughout.

As one character says, "It's all like a bad movie." Yes, and that's what makes Top Secret fun.

(Regnecy II) M. Lasky

### The Karate Kid

Rocky-San

It has a bubblegum music sound-track and is peopled with teenyboppers who look like they wouldn't be caught dead listening to it. The plot is 100 per-cent unadulterated corn-fed cliche. The acting seems perfect for television. Despute all this, The Karate Kid has its moments of amusement.

New kid on the block Ralph Mac-



Val Klimer picks an unusual escape route in Top Se

es, an East German women's athletic team comprised of musclebound men in drag — these are some of the numerous Gay jokes dished out in the nonstop blitzhrieg of yuks, gags, puns, and dogs that litter the new comedy from the makers of Airplane.

That first film caught everybody by surprise with its fresh, irreverent approach to roasting movie cliches and public fads, but Top Secret has the feel of frantic mania from people who feel they have to top themselves.

feel they have to top themselves.

The formula is the same as in Airplane—a rapid fire barrage of nonstop jokes—most of the literal and pun variety. If one gag doesn't grab you, another one immediately after will. The plot, which is strictly from Forest Lawn Cemetery, modeled as it is on the outrageous and nonsensical ones used in TV's Mission: Impossible, is merely a vehicle for directors/writers Jim Abrahams and David and Jerry Zucker to deliver their off-the-wall, nondiscriminating humor.

Absolutely everybody, with the

Absolutely everybody, with the possible exception of Michael Jackson, gets roasted. While most of it works, it's only because of the process of elimination that it does. By throwing

chio gets beaten up by bullies headed by blonde hunk William Zabka. Befriended by the Japanese super-intendent of his spartment building in "the Valley," Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Macchio is promised instruction in self-defense karate. Morita first teaches the boy to have confidence before brane.

before brawn.

A challenge at the Valley Karate Championship is set up between the bullies and Macchio. Naturally he gets hurt near the finals, and just like director John G. Avildsen did with Rocky, we get the old "Give me one for the gipper!" bull as Macchio's "Saki daddy" reminds him to concentrate.

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The intermittent funny material never overcomes the bulk of predictable stupidity, so we are left with a film that might be enjoyed more when it comes on TV — which should be quite soon.

(Cinema 21) M. Lasky Gabriela

Horny Women

Gabriela begins as dust covered migrants come upon a Brazilian por

city after escaping an interior land drought. They unfortunately lead us into a drought of a different kind—cultural. Peopled by horny women who live to serve men, and be serviced by men, and typical macho Latin American males, the film, based on a novel by Jorge Amado, shows more for Sonia Braga's body than anything else. For all the Jobim music, gorgeous scenery, and Marcello Mastroiannni masterful gestures, there is still little of substance in which to find interest. Playboy said the film was "seething with lust." Boredom is more like it.

M. Lasky

nique is all-important, and Nixon was getting it in the back while giving it in front. His disordered mind sifts through a lifetime of shit with no ex-pletives deleted and few sentences com-pleted, but a portrait eventually emerges from the incoherence.

You may not be surprised to learn that Nixon sold his soul in the '40s to the devil in the form of the wealthy powerbrokers who really run the country, or that he hung out with them at the Bohemian Grove, their Russian River retreat.

"These guys were not homos," he stresses, mentioning the whores who



Ralph Macchio (l.) and Noriyuke Morita in The Karate Kid

### Secret Honor

American Tragedy

Secret Honor is to Richard Nixon what Improper Conduct is to Fidel Castro: vicious, spiteful and — unless you happen to like the man — thoroughly delightful.

oughly delightful.

The script of the stage play by Donald Freed and Arnold M. Stone has been visually adapted by director Robert Altman. It's still one man in one room for one and one-half hours; but the man, Philip Baker Hall, gives such a tour de force performance that the effect is never claustrophobic.

Labeled a "fictional meditation," Secret Honor contains a great deal of truth, possibly more than we'll ever know. It explores the question, "Who do you have to fuck to become president?" and the answer is as old as our country: "We, the people."

As in other kinds of fucking, tech

serviced them at the Grove. His homophobia is balanced by such strange comments as "I always hated girls ..." and "They did not call me 'Iron Butt' in law school for nothing'; and frequent, reverent references to his Quaker mother, whose photograph looks like Franklin D. Roosevelt in drag. "There is no path to peace," he quotes her as saying. "Peace is a path."

path."

Just when you think you're not going to hear anything new, however interestingly the old stuff is being rehashed, along come startling revelations of "the reasons behind the reasons" for Watergate. The theory is outrageous, but Nixon has always been a candidate for That's Incredible, so don't rule out any possibilities.

There's a moment when Nixon hear

There's a moment when Nixon be-comes sympathetic, almost noble, if you accept the script's hypothesis; but he reverts to type in time for the some-what overdone finale.

(Continued on next page)



No expletives are deleted when Richard M. Nixon (Philip Baker Hall) speaks to and about Henry Kissinger and the other photographs on his wall in Secret Honor.

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I don't know much about history I don't know much about history or psychology, but my gut feeling is that Secret Honor would hold up well under analysis in both areas. I do know something about acting, and Philip Baker Hall's recreation of his stage role is a performance for the history books.

## **One Night Stands**

Films of Gay Interest This Coming Week

by Michael Benzry

Friday, July 6: (UC Theatre) Cafe Flesh, featuring Rico the endowed. After nuclear war only 1% of the peo-ple can fuck, and they are forced to do it as entertainment for the other 99%. Exhibition is a hardoore documentary about hardoore porn featuring French sex star Claudine Beccarie.

Monday, July 9: (Strand) Victor/ Victoria. She pretends to be a Gay he pretending to be a she. Funny, and some good blows for Gay rights. The Ritz. He hides from the mob in a Gay bathhouse. Funny, and some good blows. Norman, Is That You? Not funny and sucks.

Thursday, July 12: (Strand) Tony's Initiation. You'll love the "terrible" things they make him do in this sex club. He did. With BYOBoy.

### Conan the Destroyer

Beef II

Just when you hoped you had heard the last "Where's the beef?" joke, along comes one of feature length. It's called Conan the Destroyer, and recycles Arnold Schwarzenegger's muscles as the title character takes a step up(?) the evolutionary ladder from Barbarian.

When the ads say Conan has to "challenge the sorcery of an evil queen," they're not referring to your reviewer. It's Sarah Douglas, who also

hassled the contemporary "Superman" in some of his outings. She sends Conan to escort her virgin nicee (Olivia d'Abo) on a quest too silly to detail. Also on the journey are Wilt Chamberlain as the girl's fatherly protector, presumably a enunch, and Mako as a grandfatherly wizard Conan picks up in a touching scene:

Conan: I want you.

Wizard: I'm yours.

If only it were that simple in real

Completing the family portrait are Tracey Walter, who must be someone's brother-in-law to have gotten the part, and Grace Jones as awarrior who provides Yang for Conan's Yin. Grace looks no more out of place in the story's fair-to-middlin' ages setting than she does in our own time, and she's by far'the film's most interesting presence, including the "Dagoth" created by E.T.'s maker, Carlo Rambaldi.

1 ne Drains were all behind the camera on this one, including director Richard Fleischer, cinematographer Jack Cardiff, and composer Basil Poledouris, who contributes another (or the same) fine but totally unmemorable score. The brains were all behind the cam

Like the first Conan, this one exceeds expectations. The more serious it gets, the harder you'll laugh. My favorite moment comes early in the film when the queen, preparing to persuade Conan to believe in miracles, instructs him, "Think!"

Now that would be a miracle. (Alhambra, Empire, Serramonte) S. Warren

### Film Fest's **Fabulous Firsts**

by Steve Warren

You could tell by attending almost any part of this year's eighth annual San Francisco In-ternational Lesbian and Gay Film Festival that it was suc-cessful. Figures are emerging



Evil wizard Thoth-Amon (Patrick Roach) changes into a dem escape the Chamber of Mirrors in Conan the Destroyer. nic beast as Conan (Arnold Schwarzenegger) attempts

now to answer the question, "How successful was it?"

It was so successful that it made a profit, something film festivals, Gay or otherwise, almost never do — enough to pay off the deficit of the last two years and maybe have a little left years and maybe nave a little left over. The boxoffice receipts of \$31,000 more than doubled last year's figure, according to Festi-val Director Michael Lumpkin. Total attendance wasn't up quite that much — higher admission prices account for part of the increase.

It was so successful that there were two sellouts at the Roxie — Asa Branca - A Brazilian Dream and the Gay Girls Riding Club program. For two shows — Angel and Improper Conduct — the larger Castro

had to open its balcony to handle the crowds.

It was so successful that Variety, the trade paper known as "the show business bible," covered it for the first time.

Nestor Almendros, co-director of Improper Conduct, became the first Academy Award winner (for his cinema-tography of Days of Heaven) to participate in the festival.

Other festival firsts this year included the first Gay films from Greece (Angel) and Israel Greece (Angel) and Israel (Drifting). The former was the festival's top draw, with more than 1,200 attending. The latter, along with Improper Conduct and Jerry Barrish's Recent Sorrows, moved directly into commercial runs, yet another first for the festival.

Still another significant first was a \$4,500 grant from San Francisco's Hotel Tax Fund, which allowed the festival to mail out a newsletter and buy advertising to increase atten-

Lumpkin is overjoyed with the festival's success, but isn't basing any rash plans on it. He basing any rash plans on it. He says the next project for Frameline, the parent organization, will be a weekly series at the Roxie beginning in late summer or early fall, based on Vito Russo's The Celluloid Closet, iracing Hollywood's treatment of Lesbians and Gay men back through the wears. through the years.

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# CASTRO FILM FEST

by Michael Lasky

With more than 150 films lined up from now until September 20, the Castro Summer Film Festival is highlighted by the screening of a vault-full of rarely-seen films, and as many old favorites.

Tributes to Joan Crawford, director Luis Bunuel, dance films, and an eight-day week of Charlie Chaplin dot the schedule, with most films running one day only.

Some of the not to be overlooked highlights include:

looked highlights include:
July 8: The always sold-out
pairing of the all-Black Stormy
Weather and Cabin in the Sky,
with a cast that includes Ethel
Waters, Lena Horne, Louis
Armstrong, and Duke Ellington. As a bonus, the Castro will
show Paul Robeson: Tribute
to an Artist, an hour documentary that explores, through clips
and a Sidney Poitier narrative,
the background of the Black
Renaissance actor-singer's turbulent career.

July 11: Tokyo Olympiad.

July 11: Tokyo Olympiad, a restored three-hour version of the Japanese classic that used 164 camera operators to capture the impressionistic look at the '64 Olympics.

July 14-15: A two-day marathon screening of the 15½-hour Berlin Alexanderplatz, Rainer Werner Fassbinder's monumental adaptation of a novel that recreates Germany between the wars.

July 29: The unbeatable pairing of Cabaret, Bob Fosse's Oscar-winning version of the musical, and Something for Everyone, Harold Prince's elegant ambisexual black comedy, featuring Angela Lansbury and Michael York.

August 3-11: Chaplin: Lost and Found has the singlemost complete retrospective (nine features, 32 shorts) ever assembled from the genius director/ star's first silents to his final sound films.

August 29: Tapdancin', No Maps On My Taps, and Sue's Leg, three short films on dancing. The first two are documentaries filled with tap dancing performances; the last film is Twyla Tharp's modern dance ode to the '30s.

August 30: Part of the Joan Crawford tribute features some unintentional camp, as in this double feature: Johnny Guitar, wherein Crawford and Mercedes McCambridge butch it up (more than usual), and even sing a song or two; Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, when Bette Davis tells Crawford "But you are, Blanche!"

September 8: Tres Gay duo: The Dresser has doting Tom Courtenay dressing up star Albert Finney, who dresses him down; and Privates on Parade has the high in dignity and camp performance by Denis Quilley as the drag queen making the best of it in the 1948 British man's army.

September 14-15-16: The restored classic spaghetti western that proves to be more than just a shoot 'em up. Once Upon a Time in the West is a nearly three-hour "visionary" work that is historic, if for no other reason than it makes a complete shitheel out of Henry Fonda, totally out of expected character.

September 20: The last night of the festival has a fitting bill of the always sold out The Women (one show only at 9 p.m.)

— the all-time tribute to bitchiness as a way of life, paired with the rarely seen Crawford film The Last of Mrs. Cheyney,



Alan Bates will get naked in the King of Hearts Saturday at the Castro as part of its Summer Film Festival.

considered dated when it was released in 1937. A love story about the dubious past of a woman and an American jewel thief living in England.

Complete schedules are available at the Castro and other Surf theaters. Special discount tickets (4/\$14) are available at the theaters as well.

# **Video Fest Mixed Bag**

by William B. Hunt

Scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., the Third Annual San Francisco Gay Video Festival lacked only an audience to proceed. While the empty Trocadero waited for people to appear, the VJ screened popular MTV format videos by Tears for Fears, Style Council, and Joe Boxer.

As video aficionados filtered in, they were treated to some vintage cartoons. Mighty Mouse and Hekyll & Jekyll proved to be the prologue of an evening filled with the celebration of Lesbians and Gay men from across the spectrum.

Most notable in this year's festival were the number of entries by women, who submitted seven of the 24 videos screened. Of these, none were entries from the Bay Area. Entries came from New York, Washington (DC), Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and, interestingly, Norman, Oklahoma.

Production quality ran the gamut from unimaginative

"home movie" to tight, stunning cinematography. The San Francisco Gay video movement was well-represented in the latter. Certainly the finest work screened was Ego Videos' Human Still Life (Rough Cut), a satiric exploration of self-examination and the creative process utilizing both black and white and color feeters.

Also worthy of mention were the videos submitted by the Amazon Broadcasting Company from Atlanta. These were highly entertaining, although the production values were fairly amateurish. Still in its infancy, the Gay video movement shows great promise. If last Friday's festival was but a bud, then a full bloom can be expected in the near future.

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Lesbian Jews' Dilemma

The Law of Return by Alice Bloch Alyson Publications; \$7.95

by Dianne Gregory

The Law of Return is an important work in Lesbian fiction. It is important because it speaks to the heart of the conflict between Judaism and Lesbianism in the 20th century. It also gives an interesting perspective on the relationship between American and Israeli Jews and the conflicts inherent in Zionism

Not that this book is a tome about male-dominated Jewish culture or the relationship between Israel and the Arab states. It is a thoughtful story of a woman on a personal journey of self-discovery.

self-discovery.

Ellen/Elisheva leaves her parents in Pennsylvania and goes to Israel where she learns Hebrew and practices religious orthodoxy. She never misses a sabbath, keeps kosher, and studies the Talmud with a woman friend. Everyone she meets asks her when she is going to get married and raise a family. It is the first question asked of every unmarried woman in Israel. Soon Elisheva becomes convinced she really should settle down and have children. She leaves Israel to marry her old boyfriend in the States so they can return to Israel and have the children everyone is always asking her about.

But there's a problem. Elisheva's old boyfriend is Gay. He has decided to "go straight," but fails. So, what to do. Elisheva takes this opportunity, away from her breeding friends in Israel, to reflect on her own sexuality and a woman, Deborah, whom she had met on vacation in Galilee. Elisheva realizes that she is a Lesbian and is in love with Deborah. Elisheva runs into Deborah in New York and they become lovers.

Elisheva and Deborah, after many years of life together, decide to return to Jerusalem for a visit. Much is changed.

"In Miriam's old neighborhood, where the Hassidim's harmless, quaint disapproval had once amused me; the walls

'Bloch weaves a tapestry of the life of a contemporary Jewish Lesbian.'

were now covered with violent, threatening graffiti: 'Mavet I'meholelei shabbat. Death to those who defile the sabbath.' And while the Jewish side of the city prepared for a boisterous Independence Day celebration, the Arab neighborhood around our hotel was taut with bitterness.'

One of the changes Elisheva and Deborah felt was not due to political conflict, but to their homosexuality.

"I knew the Law of Return did not apply to Deborah and me; homosexuals were in the same legal category as criminals and mental defectives, 'undesirables' who could be denied the right to immigration as Jews. I, the first Rogin to feel no fear when questioned by an immigration official, was now the only Rogin officially unwelcome in the homeland of our people."

the homeland of our people."

Through the telling of the tale of Elisheva, Alice Bloch weaves a tapestry of the life of a contemporary Jewish Lesbian. To me it contains elements of the novels of both Chaim Potok and Phillip Roth, particularly Portnay's Complaint. Only this book isn't about Jewish men coming to grips with 20th century life and politics, it's about how Jewish women who happen to be Lesbians come to grips with that life and those politics. It is not an easy life, and the politics of being a Lesbian in a culture that reveres tradition and the family can be overwhelming.

But the book has several problems. One is that Bloch changes from first person to third person narrative with such rapidity and frequency that it often leaves the reader confused. I'm sure Bloch had her reasons for doing so—perhaps to convey the feeling of living and thinking outside one-self—but I don't think it worked. Another device which didn't work was Bloch's many passages in a stream-of-consciousness mode. It just ended up sounding like bad grammar and unclear thought.

Nevertheless, The Law of Return is thought-provoking and well worth reading. It is a book that needed to be written. It continues the dialogue on the conflicts inherent between Jewish culture and homosexuality.

# **Beach Blanket Babylon** Goes to the Prom

. . . . and on forever

by Michael Lasky

he party Steve Silver threw for the 10th anniversary of his Beach Blanket Babylon show — something he never expected to happen when the show began as street entertainment a decade ago — proved to be more spectacular than the new edition of the show itself.

That might be because the revue, still as exuberant and effervescent as ever, has become a parody of itself as it pokes fun at the fads and cliches of current and past culture. The sheer energy it exudes, and the blatant talent of its cast, is what keeps it enjoyable.



Part of the cast of Beach Blanket Babylon Goes to the Prom. Recognize

The new version, BBB Goes to the Prom, has mostly new material, but is based on the material, but is based on the same formula that has kept it running for the past 10 years. Accordingly, while new, it seems like deja vu. Take a popular song from the top 40 or from a Broadway show, build a campy setup for it, perform it in outrageous costume, and you've got a new edition.

Snow White is still looking for Snow white is still looking for her prince, this time to take her to the prom. Along the way she meets with the likes of E. T., Tootsie, Diana Ross, Yankee Doodle Gandhi, Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin, and — natch — Boy George. This year's award for best Michael Jackson does Sylvester parody goes to Dexter De Voe, who even looks like the million-

As lead, Snow White, Elizabeth Padilla still elicits laughter with her Betty Boop voice, and thankfully is given the opportunity to show off her Ethel Merman-like belting.

The show runs 90 minutes and passes by quickly — even if you think you've seen it all before. Opening nighters at the 10th anniversary celebration were treated to a half-hour of videotaped highlights at the start, and bows by some of its past popular performers (in

'If you've never seen BBB Goes to Anywhere, you aren't a real San Franciscan yet!'

The show doesn't use sets as much as it does Alan Greenspan's larger than life, imaginative head pieces. A Tide detergent box, a football, a telephone, an SOS box, and a San Francisco landscape, would be stars in themselves were it not for the tabut undergreath them. for the talent underneath them.

for the talent underneath them. Powerhouse Val Diamond never failed to ignite the audience into a frendzy with her firey vocals of "Love Potion#9," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," and "Total Eclipse of the Heart." Just as I was thinking this girl is stealing the show, Shirley Faulkner, in a behemoth. "here's-the-beef" Afro, rips the Club Fugazi apart with her 10-megaton delivery of "Respect" and "Proud Mary."

costumes that seemed fresher than the ones in the current pro-duction). Then it was to a party that tented in the entire 600 block of Green Street.

block of Green Street.

If you've never seen BBB Goes to Anywhere, you aren't a real San Franciscan yet — it's like the College Boards of SF citizenship. If you have, it will all depend on your capacity for light-spirited, mindless entertainment, whether you want to go again. You won't get a street party, just 90 minutes of only-in-San Francisco entertainment.

Beach Blanket Babylon Goes to the Prom plays at Club Fugazi, 678 Green, 421-4222, Wednesdays through Sundays.



Marcia Hunt (r.) and Will Marchetti in Cutting Canvas

# **Cutting Critics**

by Bernard Spunberg

ritics receive twenty lashes with a limp noodle from Cutting Canvas, currently in production at the Magic Theatre. Co-playwrights James Keller and Albert Takazauckas, who also directed, have set their play in the beach cottage of a critic trying to persuade a play in the beach cottage of a critic trying to persuade a painter to trim his enormous paintings down to commercial-ly acceptable proportions. Be-sides the critic and the artist, the characters include their wives and the painter's jet-set- drug-addict girlfriend.

addict girlfriend.

Relationships between critics and artists suggest virtually limitless dramatic possibilities. Why, then, is Cutting Canvas such a bore? The critic is a greedy, vain hypocrite. He has made it his personal mission to turn the painter's name into a household word, thereby ensuring his own immortality. The painter hates the critic's windy intellectualizing while fully intellectualizing while fully aware of its power to make him rich and famous. The painter is also a philandering alcoholic. When he gets in the car with his drugged-out girlfriend, their fatal auto accident is a foregone

conclusion.

The critic's evil is just as clearcut and obvious. Heavy-handed clues, ranging from handing the artist endless glasses of bourdon to treating his wife with boorish condescension, paint a portrait limited to two dimensions. The critic's self-serving hyprocrisy and greed are so blatant and consistent — as is the artist's crippling dependence on the critic's support — that Cutting Canvas comments on their relationship with all the subtlety of a cartoon.

There are a couple of sur-prises. The artist's wife seems weak and submissive in the be-ginning, and the critic's wife strong and assertive. At the very strong and assertive. At the very end of the play, the two women trade attitudes. Their switch should comment ironically on the men's relationship, but it doesn't. It simply feels artificial and mechanical, happening purely for the sake of the play's

symmetry.

As the artist's girlfriend, Marcia Banks evokes both humor and believable emotion. Skinny, sexy, and not too bright, Banks begins with a caricature and winds up with a characterization. The playwrights' most perceptive, incisive work is lavished on Banks' character, and she rises to the occasion. and she rises to the occasion.

In real life, there may - just may — be relationships as easily reduceable to black and white simplicity as those of Cutting Canvas. Literature, however, demands a measure of ambiguity, the simultaneous presenting of conflicting points of view. And without that ambiguity and

conflict, Cutting Canvas is thin and insubstantial.

Cutting Canvas Magic Theatre Through August 5; 441-8822

### **WILD AND WOOLLY**

# Quotables

by Woolly

"The Menlo 300: Sally and Shirley are about to mail invita-tions to the Summer Dance at the Menlo Circus Club. Sally refers to the party as 'A Gaieties clone, but mainly for Peninsula residents and a few townies."

- Pat Steger

BOB WOOLHOUSE

Cloned Gaieties? Wouldn't it be easier just to say faggots? One wonders exactly how many Cloned Castro Gaieties will be included among the townies invited. And does anyone know what Cloned Peninsula Gaieties look like?

"If all the men in San Francisco were laid end to end, I wouldn't be a bit surprised."

— Hermoine Gingold

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## When There's Nothing Between Your Legs . . . Turn to Me

ou Reed can no longer shock an audience as he once could because such a feat requires some form of innocence, or at least naivete, and nocence, or at least naivete, and such virtues exist only in fans of Fairy Tale Theater. But throughout his strenuous career as poet laureate of decadence and despair he has managed to conjure up a surprise or two, even in times when his downtrodden rumblings were an embarrassment to even his hardcore fans. core fans.

It is interesting that the drama of his new album, New Sensations, is that he is musically and lyrically better than he has been in several years. This hallowed spirit, who has notoriously wallowed in the glitter of gutter romance and trendy drug shows here always and seed to rediscover gutter romance and trendy drug abuse, has dared to rediscover and express a part of life and love that by its own definition causes premature death, paranoia, and is limited only to those who have dared step across the barrier of sanity, knowing full well the risk of doing so is simply not coming back.

For those reasons alone, his usic has continued to recruit music has continued to recruit the children of doom who have accepted, willingly or otherwise, that the gutter is their sanctuary. Although the lifestyle Reed por-trays is not an island of sanity, it is a place from which one can see through the facade of conformity into the void of suffocat-ing social acceptance. It was that same perception that led photographer Dianne Arbus to stick her head in an oven to escape the meaninglessness of middle class life.

Reed's chosen niche in life and music may be a street level perspective, but his keen obser-vations of life's true degenerates, those who create and condemn society's outcast, has catapulted him to cult hero status.

Like his characters, unable to cope and unable to change, Reed is unable to shut out the sights and sounds of the brutal signts and sounds of the brutal world around him. But, unlike many wasted visionaries, Reed's musical vehicle gives him the ability to reduce the tragedy he sees into a musical mirror of life itself, and enables him to cope with the drama that many of his characters control. characters cannot.

Thus he composes bittersweet sonatas that confuse the naive, assuage the desperate, and ap-pease those who are sure he sings about them and for them.

Lyrically, Reed has exposed,

idolized, and analyzed the shatanalyzed the shartered worlds of drag queens, junkies, alcoholics, hustlers, and other colorful victims of street life. He has, through his music, turned these societal degenerates of middle America into heroes of rebellion and the last symbols of individualism. individualism.

Juxtaposed against the line from "Me and Bobby McGee" that philosophizes "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose," Reed has painted some dramatic corresponding visuals of that very philosophy.

Reed's last several albums were mediocre for the most part, reflecting perhaps his difficulty relating to the harried pace at which society is changing. But the successful key to New Sensations is that Reed has musically returned to what he howes. cally returned to what he knows best, and between the album's cold clamor of despair and its warm but cautious optimism lies an acute collection of music that dares to face life as it is.

When rock heroes of another decade re-enter the current music scene they are usually limited to re-issuing their greatest hits or lifting material or musical styles from younger contemporaries. Reed has escaped this pitfall and has compiled a dramatic mixture of music and poetry so dif-ferent from current trends that it offers only two choices — love it or hate it.

His chilling but warm lyrics about rejection, aging, and true love in "Turn to Me" will rare-ly be matched when he sings ly be matched when he sings "When there's nothing between your legs... turn to me." This morbidity does not set the tone of the material, but it is one of the most honest and chilling lyrics of love that Reed has ever

He also prances about, in perhaps his last mating dance, on several other outstanding tunes, including "Endlessly Jealous," "New Sensations," and "High in the City."

From the man who put drag queens, hustlers, and speed freaks on top forty radio, it is hard to deny his compassion for real people. There are many still hanging on, relishing the hope brought on by artists like Reed, who dare to live their lives unfettered by the fear of nonconfettered by the fear of nonc fettered by the fear of noncon-

Lou Reed may remain some-what of an enigma, but in his music he shares himself with those who understand his view



Rossi's Meat Market walked away with the check when the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus announced the winner of its raffle (Photo: Rink)

point. It is a tribute to an almost lost communal consciousness lost communal consciousness that he and those who live out his dramas are still willing to share the same downhill ride with the consensus that the thrill of it all is all there is.

"No Escape" Max Him (Cruisin Records)

There is a new despair in music, and even glittered in this new single — a calculated dance number with a glossy facade — there lies a cloud of doom.

The song's repetitive, limited lyrics may be simply an additive to the dance track instrumentato the dance track instrumenta-tion — something borrowed, or perhaps even stolen, from Giorgio Moroder — but within those confines emerges either a rip-off of Sartre's "No Exit" ideology or an acute synthesis of existentialism and pop music.

There is no escape (No Exit?) from the self-imposed destruction espoused in the lyrics, and even though the listener is never privy to the whys and where-fores of this entrapment, the hint of one's self-induced downfall is

enough to deduce that this para-noia may have personal parallels into one's own vision and its past, present, and future.

Unfortunately, this interesting thematic approach is kept at a safe distance from the palatable dance rhythm which dominates the single. But this Italian import may bring about more musical revelations if the single attracts enough attention to co-erce yet another European to travel abroad in search of American audiences

American audiences.

While the world may not need another dance single, the lyrical parallel of "No Escape" to the darker side of life signifies that the trend of gloom and doom is in full bloom. Songs of depression and despair signify unrest and discontentment in the younger generation, and from those hopeless emotions come new directions in society and in the music that reflects that society.

"Big and Stupid" vs. "Boys Just Want Sex"

I love novelty songs to a point, but they fade quickly, thank

god, and in this case, when the battle of the sexes seems to be battle of the sexes seems to be the point in question, the novelty is less than fascinating. But women's lib vs. macho man seems to drag on, like procreation, without much thought from either side. Two novelty numbers currently furthering this mindless antagonism are Julie Brown's "I Like 'Em Big and Stupid' and Exude's "Boys Just Want to Have Sex." Want to Have Sex.

IERRY DE GRACIA

Brown's "The Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun," the flip side of "Big and Stupid," has actually garnered more airplay and attention for this Julie Come Lately, although neither side will endure throughout the year.

But if she likes them "Big and Stupid" she may find her man in an orgy with Exude, whose "Boys Just Want to Have Sex," "Boys Just Want to Have Sex," a mediocre take-off on Cyndi Lauper's smash, proves they're at least stupid. It's all a bit pointless from both sides, so Brown should just find out how big they are and they can all ride of happily into the orgy room and not bother the record-buying public.

### **BOOK RACK**

# On Being Christian and Gay

Hot I'nder the Collar by Johannes W. DiMaria-Kuiper Mercury Press; \$7.95, paper

by Frank J. Howell

'My private prayer and meditation did not make the struggle any easier. I was studying to be a pastor in a conservative, Calvinistic denomination. Church teachings and scripture passages from Genesis, Leviticus, and Romans stared me in the face. I begged God to change me, to take away my 'wrong' sexual feelings and replace them with 'normal' accepted behavior. I wanted to be made 'whole.'"

he Metropolitan Commu-nity Church is coming of age. With over one hundred age. With over one hundred churches in different parts of the world, MCC is now attempting to join the National Council of Churches. Rev. DiMaria-Kuiper tells us his part in the struggle to make a place for Gays in the Christian scheme of the universe.

This brings us to the peculiar perils of writing an autobiogra-phy. Some people have the knack and others are far less successful. Rev. Johannes falls somewhere between the two extremes. Individuals who strive to construct

their own profile frequently need editorial assistance. Some acknowledge help from another acknowledge help from another party and others allow a ghost writer to peform the entire task and then take the full credit anyway. That Rev. DiMaria-Kuiper created his entire text himself obviously shows. Some would-be authors are so blinded by the salk-industry suit of sincerity. self-indulgent cult of sincerity that they substitute gush for thought. They explain too much and refuse to let the story unfold by itself. They editorialize and rant and rave. Johannes is guilty of these weaknesses. He ends the account of his life by intoning,

Whenever the good Rev. is able to get out of his own way he succeeds in pulling us into a gripping saga of his youth in Holland, with a warm, wonderful childhood, and his journey to America to study for the ministry, where he was finally ordained.

He married, but did not conceive children. He finally left the Dutch Reformed Church and joined MCC. Along the way he found a lover and now we assume life is on a much firmer footing for our Dutch friend.

footing for our Dutch friend.

DiMaria-Kuiper fought tooth

and nail to adopt a son and this part of Hot Under the Collar is especially gripping. He relates the tensions and anxiety of undergoing a home study by social workers and the harsh

probing by a conservative judge.

On the whole we are finally swept up by the passion which drives Johannes to assert himself against conventional religion. We have the feeling that in spite we have the reeing that in spite of agony and hardships, he and his lover, Angelo, will reach the goals God has laid out for them. In spite of some amateur writing, we end up rooting for Rev. DiMaria-Kuiper and Metropolitan Community Church.

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# BBN JANKBN

Getting in Shape at the 'Y'

by Paul Trafzger

Ben Janken, a good looking Gay man who works out at the Central YMCA, has several observations he'd like you to know about.

"The first is that, although certain exercises are designed to develop certain muscle groups, not everyone should do certain exercises. Body types determine what kind of exercises you should do.

Some people, who would just do a lot of exercises for their pees, may get either nowhere or look like Dolly Parton. Then, there're some slender men who you can see are very well defined, quite muscular, but they won't get any bigger. It's their particular body type, and it looks great. A person should look at themselves and figure out what's right for them. One needs to experiment, and then see if the exercises does increase the muscle group."

"My second observation is the importance of 'commitment.' You can't just go to the gym once or twice a week, or when you feel like it. Monday, Wednesday and Friday is right for me. I think three times a week is best for most. It's appropriate for me to go right after work. But I have to stress again the commitment."

I asked if he feels guilty when he misses a day, if indeed he does. "Oh, if I go out of town on a Friday, I don't feel bad be-cause I missed a day," he said.

"The third thing that's impor tant is being concerned with your body in general. Like, I know I'm not twenty-three any-more and I can't do the things that I did ten years ago. One, I exercise. Two, I watch what I eat. Three, I take care of my health. A person's got to have the proper attitude. And don't let yourself get run down."

Janken was born August 1, 1950 in Los Angeles, and raised in Southern California, moving around quite a bit. He was the "baby" of four children. "At age thirteen I believed I was totally incompetent at sports. At age fourteen, I found out differently. I played football, baseball, basketball and gymnastics. I did all these things during junior high. Then I changed schools and was bewildered. I got a 'C' in physical education. I hadn't, in physical education. I hadn't, and didn't feel I could participate in high school sports. Well, I got angry when I got that grade just because I couldn't do forty push-ups or live up to some ridiculous standards. Then in my junior year the wrestling coach was looking for wrestlers and I made it."

I offered, that as compensa-tion, he had landed in an erotic

"Hardly," he said, "If you had time to think about sex, you had time to lose."

Ben continued, "Wrestling became my passion. I varsity 'lettered' in both my junior and senior years. When I was 18, my family moved to Hawaii, where I attended the university. I wrestled three years as a varsity letterman, as Hawaii State AAU Novice Champion, and was second in the regular AAU State Championships for two years.

"At age nineteen I was appointed head (wrestling) coach at Iolani (high) School. In three



Is It Really Fun? You'd think so. At least Ben Janken seems to be enjoying the incline fly. (Photo: Rink)

years' time I brought the team from thirtieth to tenth place."

It was during his college years It was during his college years that Ben came out to his parents and some others, but not to the world. "I was paranoid because most people don't like Gay wrestling coaches," he said. "In 1973 I left Iolani and west to Northwestern (Evanston, Illinois)." linois).

He earned his MA in Sociology and Educational Psychology, and then returned to Hawaii. During the '74-'75 academic year he taught Mathematics and Sociology.

"On August 1st, 1975, I taught my last class and gave a birthday present to myself. I packed my bag and came to San Francisco, and I've been here ever since."

In 1978 Ben attended UC Berkeley for his Masters in Public Health, with a major in Mental Health and an emphasis on Gay Community Mental Health. He entered the program as an openly Gay person.

as an openly Gay person.

"However, being unable to find work in my specific area in the Gay community, I began work at the Adult Probation Department, where I remained for four and a half years. I recently resigned to pursue my career as a freelance photographer, gardener and caterer." grapher, gardener and caterer.

I reminded him that's three professions. He said, "Yes. However, I will photograph you at your next garden party."

Sizing him up, I said to Janken, "You don't have to watch your weight do you?"
"Not at all," he said, "because I watch what I eat. I

because I watch what I eat. I stay away from processed foods. I do take vitamin supplements. I realize that's sort of a controversial issue, but I believe vitamins are necessary for physically active people—anyone—because even modphysically active people — anyone — because even moderate cooking destroys a lot of vitamins. I take Mega-multivitamins, super-B complex, E and Lysine. I avoid red meat most of the time because of its high fat content. I eat high fiber cereal every day. Most people don't get enough fiber. Colonic cancer is a common killer. I do eat sugar, but I try to limit it. I've been using fruit for sweetening in desserts, which I love. One of the reasons I've been doing that is that my boyfriend doesn't eat processed sugar at all. He's more health conscious than I am.

I asked Ben if he wanted to include his friend's name.

'No. His nickname is Butch He doesn't go by that, but he's still Butch to his family, and he's still Butch to me too.

I asked Ben if he played a lot of racquetball at the Central YMCA.

"No, not any more. I used to, with a friend, Dan Thomas, but he's not in town anymore. Also, I injured my arm. It's slowed me up a little, but I'm getting back to where I was. Basically, I have two different workouts. One is an upper body workout.

"I do fifty side bends on each side," he said, "fifty inclined sit-ups, and twenty leg lifts. Then

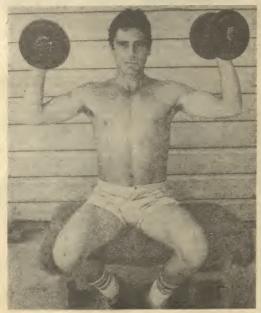
I go to the track (mezzanine around and above the basketball court) and run for one or two hours for cardiovascular exertion, and to warm up for the ex-ercise that follows. Now these I'll do each in one set, and then go through the whole routine two more times.

two more times.

"I'll do ten dips on the parallel bars for definition in the pectorals, a set of military presses (100 lbs.) for arms, and a set of leg curls (10 lbs.). I'll do a set of bench presses. On the lateral bar, 120 pounds ten times. Leg curls (Nautilus) and then after all this, calf raises (standing) 150 pounds, twenty times. After that, the exercycle set at the highest setting. That's very good for your ass. Now that all is upper body stuff despite the leg exercises.

"On Alternate days I do

"On Alternate days I do 'lower body.' Again, I start with side bends, then inclined sit-ups, then leg lifts. On these days I



Ben Janken (Photo: Rink)



### G.S.L. UPDATE

### Winners and Losers

In very uncommon 90° heat, the Gay Softball League closed out its 11th week with a clearer picture of what the playoffs will look like.

Featured games saw the Ambush, playing without Glen Burke, defeat the Kokpit 25-0. The less said, the better.

Moby Dick thumped Chaps, 14-0, behind Sammy Migliac-cio's shutout pitching and Bob Siefert's booming home run.

The Village and Rawhide met for the rights to 4th place in the playoffs, and when the dust had settled, the Village was on top, 9-6. Bob De Tulio pitched another outstanding game, while Jim Bowler had the key hit to pace the winners. Congratula-tions to the Rawhide for a gutsy performance.

The GSL is behind this fine young team. By the way, December, Mike Dolan, Russell Smith, Rick Cunningham, and Harry play for the Rawhide!

Other action went this way. The Phone Booth pulled off a triple play and went on to defeat Trax, 14-5. The DeLuxe out-scored the Rookies, 27-9, in a

wild one; and the Vagabond, paced by Louis Banks' tremen-

TOM VINDEED

dous home run, defeated Cafe San Marcos, 7-6.

The GSL is off this weekend, with play resuming July 15 at Lang Field.

### **STANDINGS**

### Cable Car Division

Ambush	12 - 0
Pendulum	9 - 1
Moby Dick	9 - 2
Rawhide	7 - 4
Chaps	5 - 6
DeLuxe	3 - 8
Phone Booth	3 - 8

#### Golden Gate Division

lote: The Pendulum defeated the Pilsner Inn, 16-2, in Sacramento and the game will be counted in the GSL stand-

### **TGW**EDNESDAY**NBL**

JERRY R. DE YOUNG

### Mid-Way & Still Improving

We are exactly halfway through the 1984 Summer Season, and the past 12 weeks have held quite a few surprises. Not the least of which was Richard Gorecki of the remarkable Cafe San Marcos team realizing the highest scratch series ever recorded in the TGWNBL, a fantastic 740. It will be quite a while before that one is topped. The members of our two stepsister leagues, the Monday and Thursday Tavern Guilds, are certainly trying. Each league raised its team average a fantastic five pins in the past two weeks of bowling. The Wednesday League had best put it in high gear, or it may soon feel a warm breath on the back of its neck.

Also, Ed Burnette of the fancy-free Four Winds team, broke the ice in the 600+ category on the Thursday Tavern Guild League with his soaring 631 series. Now they can no longer claim the dubious distinction of being the only Tavern Guild League without a 600+ series. Congratulations, Ed, your three 200+ games ain't bad either!

Speaking of 200+ games, TGWNBL certainly cannot be ig-

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Speaking of 200+ games, TGWNBL certainly cannot be ignored in this department. Here are some TGWNBL bowlers who
went beyond exceptional into inspirational on the night of June 27.

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	237
Hank Ĝivan (Pilsner Potlickers) (610 series) 201,	
Keith Ray (Pilsner Potlickers)	233
Larry Kramer (Park Bowl)	220
Richard Gorecki (Cafe San Marcos)	211
Frank Cloutier (Pilsner #1)	211
Lew Watson (Pilsner #1)	210
Randy Peterson (Japantown Bowl)	210
Jerry De Young (Pendulum)	205
Ronald McKay (Stallion Stampede)	203
Bob Rolison (Pilsner II)	203
Pat Conlon (Pilsner #1)	203
Rick McGarry (Trojan Ends)	202
Simeon Traw (Wednesday Washouts)	202
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Ten of the best teams represented by 14 of the league's linest. What an impressive lineup.

As a final note, on the 27th, Ron McKay of the Stallion Stampede could not find his bowling ball after completing the third game on alleys 19-20. It has a black and purple bleeding design with the initials MAC engraved into its surface. If someone inadvertently picked up this ball on the way out that night, please contact Ron at 771-8561. Thanks.

### Celebrities Strike at AIDS

by Jerry R. De Young

The Sacramento Athletic Games Association has reserved the 16 lanes at Brunswick Land Park Bowl, 5820 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, on Monday, August 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in order to present the first Sacramento Celebrity Bowl. The proceeds from this benefit will be divided between the AIDS Foundation and SAGA II, both very deserving organizations.

Each celebrity who received Each celebrity who received an invitation to participate also requires sponsors, who will donate a certain amount for every pin knocked down during the single game of the event. Pledges can be from one cent per pin to whatever your pocket-book can comfortably handle. Among the many celebrities who will be participating in this worthy event are: Phil Isenberg, worthy event are: Phil Isenberg, state assemblyman; Anne Rudin, mayor of Sacramento; Dr. Tom Waddell, executive director of the 1986 Gay Games; Greg Gorges, chairman, Sacramento AIDS Foundation; Norm Frohwein, chairman, Sacramento Athletic Games Association, and chairman, Celebrity Bowl; and Mel Garcia, the unofficial Mr. Gay Bowling of San Francisco. Bowling of San Francisco.

Anyone wishing to support this admirable endeavor can either directly contact the celebrity they wish to sponsor and make a per-pin pledge, contact the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-AIDS, phone Norm (evenings) at 443-6440 or simply leave a message 6440, or simply leave a message for Mel at Park Bowl here in San Francisco at 752-2366.

San Francisco at 752-2306.

While participation in this extraordinary event is limited to invitation only, there is no charge for spectating. Therefore, if you are in no position to offer financial support, the celebrities will certainly appreciate your moral support. Hope to see you there.

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always do a two mile run. For lower body I do a whole Nautilus workout for legs, abdominals and back. Then I'll do the exercycle and sixty push-

I asked Ben if it's all done at the "Y," or if he does, say, pushups at home.

"No. I've got other things to do at home," he said.

'I like getting out of town Take getting out of town weekends — anytime — just be-ing out of doors, hiking, back-packing. I just love being out-doors. Walking is good. Most people don't do enough.

"In this age of AIDS," Janken continued, "it's perhaps more important to take care of one's self. That's mentally, physically and emotionally. It's watching what you eat, getting plenty of exercise and rest, keeping oneself happy and unstressed as well. P. Trafzger

### **SCOREBOARD**

# PARK BOWL TAVERN GUILD LEAGUES TEAM STANDINGS

TG MONDAY LEAGUE (Week 10 of 25 - as of 6/25/84) League Average: 700

1. EC Midtown Boys	29	11
2. Grand Central Sta.	29	11
3. Park Bowl	26	14
4. New Image	251/2	14
5. Crystal Springs	24	16
6. Twin Peaks	23	17
7. San Francisco Gym	23	17
8. Renegade	22	18
9. Perfect Petals	22	18
10. Pilsner Pick-Ups	22	18
11. Pendulum 1	211/2	18
12. Mommie's Queerest	21	19
13. Body Center	21	19
14. Doris Day Care Ctr	21	19
15. Womn Behind Balls	18	22
16. Amazing Six Graces	18	22
17. Men's Room	16	24
18. G. Kelly Drvg Acad	15	25
19. Folsom Five	15	25
20. Team #15	14	26
21. Global Travel	10	30
22. Team 22	0	40
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(Week 12 of 24 - as of 6/27/84)

	League Average.	1.10	
1.	Park Bowl	33	15
2.	Pilsner #1	30	18
3,.	Cafe San Marcos	30	18

4.	Play With It, Ltd.	29	19
5.	Plsnr Pntlss Sisters	281/2	191/2
6.	Pilsner Potlickers	28	20
7.	S.F. Eagle	28	20
8.	Japantown Bowl	271/2	201/2
9.	Stallion Stampede	27	21
10.	DK's Unmntnbls	27	21
11.	Grady's	261/2	211/2
12.	Anonymity Reigns	26	22
13.	Wdnsdy Washouts	24	24
14.	Sweet Inspiration	21	27
15.	Gay Sports	21	27
16.	Pendulum	20	28
17.	Scenic Hyway Tours	20	28
18.	Hr Tdy Gn Tmrw	191/2	281/2
19.	Trojan Ends	17	31
20.	Pilsner II	17	31
21.	Alley Cats	16	32
22.	Animals	12	36

TG THURSDAY LEAGUE (Week 10 of 20 - as of 6/21/84)

League Average.	000	
1. Queen Mary's Pub	30	10
2. Park Bowl	26	14
3. Four Winds	25	15
4. Alamo Sq Saloon #1	24	16
5. Pig Pins	23	17

Bowling scores compiled by Jerry R. De Young,

### S.F. TRACK & FIELD

RICK THOMAN

### Watch Out Los Gatos

A quartet of competitors from A quartet of competitors from the San Francisco Track & Field Club traveled to Los Gatos Sat-urday, June 30, and made their mark on the South Bay Area running scene with a series of fine performances at the first Los Gatos Twilight All-Comers Track Meet of the 1984 season

Earl Bryant led the way with a personal best in the 100 meters with a time of 11.8 as he took second place in the masters division. Ken Patterson continued his string of outstanding performances by clocking 10.7 and taking third in the open division of the 100 meters.

Both Bryant and Patterson

Both Bryant and Patterson were back minutes later in the 60 were back minutes later in the 60 meters dash, Bryant taking second place with a time of 7.01 seconds and Patterson placing second in his division with a time of 6.29. This was the first time either athlete had raced at this distance.

Bernard Turner was another second place finisher for the SF Track & Field Club, as he came on from far back in the field of the masters division 400 meters, powered down the final straightaway, and just missed a victory at the tape by a step. His time of 53.5 was a personal best for the '84 season.

Turner came back later in the meet to win the masters division 200 meters with a time of 24.3, followed closely by teammate Rick Thoman, who placed second with a 24.5 clocking. In the open division of the 200 meters, Ken Patterson sped away to a 22.6 clocking to nab second

Patterson also managed to squeeze in a short series of jumps between all his races, and found his leap of 21'8" put him in 4th place in the open long jump competition.

The quartet of Patterson, Bryant, Thoman, and Turner, with one day of practice two days prior to the meet, took to the track in the 400 meter relay and surprised the crowd and themselves with a third place finish in a time of 45.8.

With this series of fine performances, the San Francisco Track & Field Club is getting off

to a flying start in the 1984 sum mer outdoor track season, and should there be any doubters left in the city of Los Gatos, the club will be traveling back to that locale throughout the month of

The San Francisco Track & Field Club will host a special Bingo Night at the Pride Center on Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. Funds from the benefit will go towards putting on the first annual San Francisco Track & Field Festival in September, and to San Francisco Arts & Athletics for Gay Games II

Efforts have already started in bringing about the first Gaysponsored track and field meet anywhere since Gay Games I. The San Francisco Track & Field Festival is scheduled to run during Labor Day weekend, September 1 and 2. All Gay Games I track and field athletes have been invited to attend, and have been invited to attend, and additional invitations are being issued through Gay sports organizations throughout the country.

The track festival is being organized by the San Francisco Track & Field Club and will present competition for athletes of all abilities in men and wo-men's divisions, in age groups.

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"The idea is to participate and have fun," said meet director Bernard Turner. "This will be the only track and field event Gay people will specifically have to participate in, although the meet is open to all. We determined there was a need for this type of event other than every type of event other than every four years at the Gay Games."

The SF Track & Field Club is currently asking for volunteers who would like to participate in staging the meet. All interested people should contact Mark Molina at 731-2657.

Bingo Night at the Pride Center, corner of Hayes and Fillmore, on Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. A special rate of \$8 for 10 games with cash prizes is set for this special benefit night of bingo bingo.

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### **BLACK LASHES**

### Lash Art

KARL STEWART

Chaps has joined the Ambush in becoming a bastion of Gay art as well as husky leather daddies. Chaps will host a reception for artist John Bogaerts and his Fantasy Heros, Men, Sunday (7/8) at 7 p.m. There will be a fantasy costume party in his honor with prizes for Best Man. Bogaerts is from Belgium and is quite a famous costumer for the National Theatre KNS of Antwerp. He is fascinated with werp. He is fascinated with costumes and the artists expression thereof. He has brought with him to the US only a small portion of a larger group of works on canvas titled "The Clothes Make the Man."

"All the works in the collection depict one model in many fantasies, formed for the US debut," he said. This fellow is debut, he said. This fellow is fascinating; stop in and meet him. Chuck and the gang are also featuring Mike Cahalan's incredible stained glass Bondage Pieces through July. Mike is an ex-Chaps b'tender and a family member in good standing.

member in good standing.
Today, Thursday (7/5), the world famous and infamous Ambushite, Snow Flake, is mounting a show of his works, including some new stuff; reception is 5:30 to 8:30. Upstairs in the leather shop, Jim Leef is featuring an exhibition of his miniatures of Rugged Men. I'm told these are selling fast, and make fine gifts for the hunk with everything, especially your heart.

Appearing at the Valencia Rose is Pat Bond with her well-known Lorena Hickock and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love

Story, premiering tonight, Thursday (7/5), and running through 7/21 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$6 and reservations may be made by calling 863-3863.

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'Round the corner at Theatre Rhino's main stage you have just two days to view Mad Drama on the matter of introducing your lover to Dad . . for the first time. The reunion piece will toss a few memories in the nervous system. Downstairs in Studio Rhino, Full Circle Collective Theater will present Tilibah, previewing Thursday 7/12, and opening Friday 7/13. Barbara of Rhino staff says of this drama, "It's something to do with a black woman."

In other circles, Jose will pre-

In other circles, Jose will present Potpourri, a live variety show at the Rathskeller, Saturday 7/7 at 8:30 p.m. Dione Corday 7/7 at 8:30 p.m. Dione Corry assures me, much to my dismay, that there will be no handcuffed gentlemen in blue on stage, but instead she will bring together Bill Gantz's Vocal Minority, the SF Tap Troup, a final SF Performance of the Hayward Raw Rahs (they are breaking up) and Oakland's Polynesian Rainbows of MAN-2MAN productions. That's quite a fragrant mixture. Tickets available at the door, All proceeds will benefit the Inter-Club Fund, a granting organization Fund, a granting organization connected to the motorcycle clubs of So/M.

Speaking of rich mixtures, John Kass stirred up some well heeled talent in an unusual com-bination of Gay comedy, steamy male stripping and fine mime/

lipsynch. Desiree contributed "On your Face, Tonight" a rock ballad and a frequently echoed sentiment So/M. The house could have been fuller, but that didn't stop Mario Mondelli from serving up some of his great homemade tunes. His humor runs in the socio/political line and is very clever. "Move In with Me" reflects Gay attitudes re: roommate/lover shallowness. "Fighting for Your Lives" on the other hand, is a pointed satire calling up the frustration of the bathhouse/AIDS situation.

Joe Tolbe and John Kass both performed some mediocre stripping. John is a fine dancer as well.

Sable performed "You Don't Bring Me Flowers"; obviously it's new records which she isn't receiving. Nothing to do with flowers.

The best performer was Danny Williams, who is definitely a male Lesbian. His comedy borders on the edge of satire, but with ers on the edge of satire, but with a healthy dose of "the queen" thrown in for tasty flavor. Both comedians constantly update and add to their repertoire, which frequentors appreciate. John closed the show with a well rehearsed, well executed, dance production piece which includ-ed Joe, a tall white hunk named Bruce, a swarthy black man called Andre, and a tight, pro-fessional looking woman named Jane. This ballet in two acts was the high point of a very inthe high point of a very in-teresting show at Club 181. John should be encouraged to pro-duce more live shows like this

### TAKE TWO

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It was David Earl Lee presenting awards to the Drummer winners, not John Garger, as John isn't speaking to the "john's" of Folsom Street. Also M&M Productios was doing its thing at the incredible Galleria Party, finally hitting the big time, after a tough climb to the top. They did last year's (not this year's) Drummer Contest, including a superb video production, which Mr. Embry never bothered to view, choosing instead to settle for a rough proof copy. proof copy.

More, but further trouble in paradise: Jim Baroni and the other three Fourskins have parted company. The group now consists of Gary, David, Matt and Bruce. They are planning performances soon, but do not plan to have cocktails in the Castro Station. Castro Station.

Tina (Chris McGoughran) of the Station, hosted a Summer Soiree and Garden Party last Saturday eve. The balmy summer night and a newly fashioned garden provided a perfect setting for cocktails and lotsa dish. Not to mention a monumental buffet.

Rita Rocket provided some summer fun too at the Castro Station on the occasion of her birthday. The Station was jammed to the rafters as Rita raised around \$400 toward her Sunday brunch program in raised around \$400 toward her Sunday brunch program in Ward 5B. Maury Miller, com-ing in at 6' 4", won the Rita look alike contest. He's taller than she is, even on his knees. Rita said of her big day, "I had the best birthday of my life. All my friends were here. We raised money for the brunches and we had a blast."

Round the block, the Men's Room hosted the Run tape showing of the SFGDI's Speakeasy show. The capacity crowd was so enthusiastic, the neighbors called the SFPD to quell the singing

Wanda June, as Miss GDI, made the perfect hostess. She sat at the bar and waved to her subjects. Miss GDI has the opportunity to be hostess for one of the premiere social clubs in the Gay community an option of the bar. ommunity, an option not taken by many in recent years. Looks ike Wanda will. She should; she ran long enought to get it.

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A sample of John Bogaerts' art.

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Reno Pete is fast becoming the Men's Room's classiest host. But he was powerless to act when some pickpocket made an attempt on someone's purse, causing a skirmish which took Manager Chuck E. aback. Not Empress Remy; she had the scoundrel on the floor with knee planted in his chest in seconds. The Moral: do not fuck with The Queen.

Which brings us to Sissy Spaceout's Family Feud at The Ramrod. This game features the Imperial vs. the Royal families with the inimitable Naomi Del Rey emceeing. It all happens Thursday 7/12 at 8 p.m. with a donation requested at the door. The following Saturday, 7/14, that crew will be headed for San Jose's Coronation on the Imperior of the Property of the Standard Sta that crew will be headed for San Jose's Coronation on the Imperial bus. For \$35 you receive a round trip bus ride, with an open bar on board, food and raffles, ball tickets and a very interesting trip down 101. Departure is from the Mint at 5 p.m. and info may be obtained from Monte Reddick at 863-6559.

Down Polk Street way this Saturday, the largest street fair on the west coast takes over the cobblestones. It stretches for more than 10 blocks and has more bizarre products on view

than the renaissance fair. The following Sunday, 7/15, is New Bell's 15th anniversary, David Kelsey's 10th (you thought he was much older didn't you) and Pure Trash's 5th, all at the same location. Promises not to be a sober occasion, by any stretch.

#### SHORT CHANGE

There are two things, because of an early deadline, that Lashes of an early deadline, that Lashes regrets not being able to cover, but will next week: The return of Michele to the stage at Sutter's Mint last Monday and Tuesday, and answering the burning question: "Did David Sarathain find the CMC run site last weekend?? All this and more next week.

The Constantines are spon-soring a bike road trip Saturday 7/7, with a 10 a.m. check-in at the Ramrod, and a 4 to 6 p.m. safety forum to follow at the Eagle. The gang will be headed for the Delta that day. Sounds

The Eagle will play host to Golden Gate Wrestling Club's beer bust Saturday 7/14 from 3 to 6 p.m. For six clams you can get spaghetti, suds and all the arm wrestling you can handle. Don Jung and his studs will offer a wrestling demo for your delight. This function benefits

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Making a Pas. A pas de deux, that is - of sorts anyway. John Kass is on top as dancers whirl by. (Photo: Rink)

the GGWC.

While up at The River, check out Bill Hanson's shiny new Mine down Main St. about a quarter mile outside of Guerneville. This is a macho videotheque with a superb in-terior look.

After Gay Freedom Day, Stella Stroll left for home with a man and woke up the next morning with a black labrador instead. Stella can be seen, reensconced behind the boards at the Eagle.

If driving to Reno for the Rodeo doesn't do much for ya, you have a couple of viable alternatives. The Coits will sponsor a riotous bus load on the July 20 through 22 trip. Cost is \$95 and includes bus with food and cocktails, lodging, and parties in Reno. Contact Monte at 863-6559 days.

The other trip is a package put together by Scenic Highway Tours; includes the same as Tours; includes the same as above, plus reserved seats at the Rodeo, as well as transport to and from the rodeo grounds. Cost is \$145. Scenic Hyways is a Gay owned business headed by Richard Twinning and his butch buddy Roger. Call them for info at 647-1400.

Parting shot: Mr. Gay, Bruce Harrelson, with less than a week of crown under his belt, was sporting a black eye last week. I believe it was a coronation gift Parkay (his wife of state) promises to deliver the same present if Bruce doesn't stop following "Daddy's" example. More smart cocktails. See ya' in the skins . . . .

K. Stewart

Thursday, July 5: Works of Snow Flake, Ambush, reception 5:30 to

Friday, July 6: Pat Bond, Valencia Rose, 8:30 p.m. \$4 (through 7/21).

Karl's Calendar

Saturday, July 7: Polk Street Fair,

Constantine Bike Trip, check in; Ramrod 10 a.m.; Bike Safety Forum - SF Eagle 4 to 6 p.m. Potpourri, Rathskeller, 8:30 p.m. featuring Vocal Minority, SF Tap Troup, Hayward Raw Rahs, and the Polynesian Rainbows. Host Emprese ynesian Rainbows. Host: Empress nd Jose, donation at door to ICF. Sunday, July 8: Fantasy Hero Men, Open house and reception for the

artist, John Bogaerts, 7 p.m. Chaps, fantasy costume competition - prizes. Arena Beer Bust, 3 to 6 p.m. \$3 -

Ramrod Beer Bust, 12 to 7 p.m.

\*\*S - draft, \$1 hot dogs.

First Ladies Union Beer Bust, SF Eagle, 3 to 6 p.m. \$6 - food, beer, wine and show.

Tuesday, July 10: Pool Party, Castro Station, check-in 7:30 p.m., cash

Wednesday, July 11: Welcome Back Team Party, The Village, 8 p.m., GSL team back from tournement in Boston, specials.

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# Quotables

by Woolly

"Stockton police said that developer Eckhard Schmitz opened his house to teenage sons of his neighbors. He let them use his pool, drink beer, and watch pornographic movies.

"The boys told juvenile offi-cers that Schmitz paid older 'run-around' boys to recruit younger teenagers on whom he bestowed gifts of stereos, motor-cycles, and cash payments up to \$5,000. Some of the youths were children of his employees.

"This went on for almost two Inswent on for almost two years before officers arrested Schmitz. He pleaded no contest to nine counts of oral copulation and sodomy. Letters from prominent Stockton citizens poured into court asking for leniency. They cited Schmitz's record for developing, large comparing developing large commercial and residential complexes and for providing Stockton's residents with jobs.

- S.F. Chronicle

Is this John Kenneth Gal-braith's theory of Economic Determinism at work? If so, perhaps NAMBLA might seri-ously consider real estate specu-



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### Gay/Lesbian Support **Group Sets' Conference**

The A Cappella Chorus, the support and educational out-reach organization for Gay and Lesbian members of the reach organization for Gay and Lesbian members of the Churches of Christ, has an-nounced its West Coast Con-ference will be held August 3-5, 1984, in Los Angeles. Represen-tatives from various California, Oregon, Texas, and Washington chapters are expected to attend the activities, which will include seminars, goal-setting, Olympic events at Pepperdine University, and a reception.

Information regarding the conference and ongoing events may be obtained from ACC/LA, POB 291206, Los Angeles, CA 90029.



Look-alikes. Really? The camera doesn't lie. Bet you can't guess who's e real Rita Rocket. (Photo: Rink)

### **BITCH IN HEAT**

# Qu'est-ce que Politics?

i, Sissies, Hi! Qu'est-ce que Politics? I don't understand any of it. I leave all that stuff up to the men. Okay, okay, it's true. We'll be spending the night of July 18 outside Lady Di's home up in Presidio Heights watching the chimey. When a puff of white smoke comes out, we'll know she's in. She'll be burning all the promises she ever made to the Gay community. But nobody expects that to happen. Mary-Louise predicts the smoke will be black, as Lady Di burns her bottle of Lady Clairol No. 52-D 'Black Velvet' — the stuff that made her look soooo vice presidential in Time. Which brings up the real issue here. Who does her hair? She looks like a mouseketeer who hit up too much crystal.

I'd rather have a new hairdo—humming a tune from the Lan

I'd rather have a new hairdo I d rather have a new hairdo than the vice presidency any day. I mean, what does the vice president do? I know Dianne would be unhappy there. Here, she has a whole city to push around.

Which brings us to Mary-Louise's Songbook. As we all know by now, except for my husband Hubert, who doesn't read the papers (probably a sign of health), we here in San Francisco now have two official songs. There's that cable-car ditty, and the "open your — uh — Golden Gate" number. Recent turns of events have been wearing on Mary-Louise's head, though. The other night, in deep dark dreamsleep, the song debate in the Board of Supervisors was replayed in my brain. Only the words were changed:

They Closed the Baths (In San Francisco)

They closed the baths in San Francisco; Tore down the doors, turned up the lights. Where vice cops dressed in

sneak in on nightly prowls And Mayor Di Fi spies on me. (What did she see?)

There's no more sex in San Francisco Just cable cars and Dem-o-crats!
When I come home to you
San Francisco We'll all go straight and raise two brats.

and raise two brats.

There was this creature who looked like the Wicked Witch of the West's little sister, a Supervisor Nerdler, making an impassioned speech to keep "They Closed the Baths" as the official song. Her speech was so incendiary the brittle veneer of hair spray on her 'do burst into flames, and she fled from the chamber frantically trying to pat out the fire with her hands and crying, "Daddy Dearest!" dy Dearest!

Well. The nightmare deepened when Supervisor Cock, a wizened old queen in leather, sauntered out to make a pitch for his candidate for the city's official song. It went like this:

San Francisco

It only takes a tiny corner of this world of ours; This tacky little city by the Bay; Some people find it frumpy; some say it's kind of dumny:

dumpy;
To me, it simply seems
to be tres gay. San Francisco!

San Francisco!

Open your glory holes!
You'll let no horny souls
wait at your door!
San Francisco! I'm going homosex Going to Castro to score!

Supervisor Grit then gave a rather rambling discourse. He endorsed one song, then the other one, then said a panel of Gramusicians should decide the is He jogged from the room

humming a tune from the Jane Fonda Workout Album. It was not a pretty sight.

Thank God, it was noon, and the alarm clock buzzed, waking me up. There was a faint smell of burnt powder in the air, and a couple of Twinkie wrappers by my bed, and in the dawn of con-



Mary-Louise

sciousness between sleep and wakefulness, Mary-Louise re-gretfully pondered things that might have been, that would have been.

### WHAT'S COOKING

No more sex. No More Sex. NO MORE SEX! NO SEX! NONONONONONO! You NONONONONONONO! You filthy creature! Don't even THINK about sex! How can you even think about sex at a time like this? How can you even think about sex when this city faces the gravest challenge of its history — the Democratic National Convention.

Well, I have heeded my Mayor's plea. It wasn't hard really. I opened the levelors all the way Tuesday and there she was on the window sill. She looked a little strange there, teetering on her Practical

Pumps 40 feet above Alpine Street. But then we all know she works hard for the money, so I wasn't too surprised.

"Avoid those teeny rectal tears," she said. "Try alternative Gay adventures, like needlepoint." I couldn't hear her too clearly, so I pushed open the window. Ooops! Clumsy me.

window. Ooops! Clumsy me.

Anyway, Mary-Louise had to admit, the lady had a point. I always loved watching Julia Child on TV, so I decided to get into cooking. Or vice versa. So I trotted on down to Safeway, thinking all the while what a metaphor that was. Well, there was this mondo hunko bending over the fruit, and for just a moment I lost my footing on the terrazzo. But I quickly came too. "Teeny rectal tears, teeny rectal tears" kept repeating in my brain. brain.

I found myself in produce, squeezing the zucchini. It's in season just now. People like me who are into cooking use technical terms like that — "in season." Neat, huh? Sure beats

Well, anyway, after weeks of experimenting, Mary-Louise has come up with a recipe. For all of you out of sex and into cooking, here it is:

Zucchini Louise tblspns butter-flavored

Crisco I medium (okay, okay, large) zucchini

First you must wash the zuc-chini, thoroughly really (read this like it's with a Julia Child



They're Back! Cable cars, drag queens, and leathermen — Mary-Louise gets them all. (Photo: Rink)



What's a Girl to Do? With sex out, cooking is in. In this issue, Mary-Louise offers her fave recipe. It's Zucchini Loui Betcha can't eat just one. (Photo: Rink)

accent and it goes better). All sorts of pesticides are applied in the field, and these must be removed before cooking. There. Now, we must remove any exterior blemishes, then burnish the skin of the zucchini with the chicken liver. You always must save the chicken liver.

There. Now isn't that a lovely zucchini? Really, it is.

Now we thoroughly cover the zucchini with the lard (Julia

always calls it lard. Yuck!). Now we slide it in the oven and wait for it to cook.

You never know how hot the oven is, of course, so it could take just forever to cook. So you'll probably just want to take the zucchini out when you grow tired of this recipe.

And remember, Mary-Louise says, always clean your kitchen! That's all for now.

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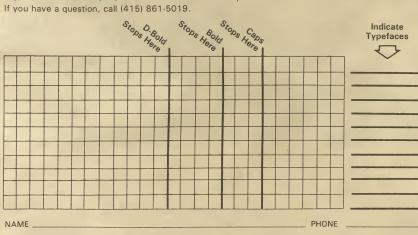
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